



## Revamp at centre to include new logo

A SHOPPING centre in Stourbridge will be given a facelift including a new logo, revamped signs and refurbished units, bosses announced today.

The work at the Ryemarket comes as a major regeneration project in the town centre moves closer to completion. Managers today said they wanted to 'rebrand and refresh' the centre to complement the redevelopment work taking place.

The Crown Centre scheme will include a Tesco supermarket and shop units. It is due to be completed by Christmas. A planning application for work at the Ryemarket shopping centre has now been lodged with Dudley Council.

The work includes installing new banner signs at the High Street and Market Street entrances and a totem pole with retailers' names on, which will stand in Fountain Square.

It is expected to start in the next couple of weeks and to be completed by the end of the month. Centre manager Kelley Dyas said: "With so much positive investment happening throughout the town, we felt that now is the right time to update The Ryemarket brand."

The former O2 shop and the old butcher's shop will be refurbished to turn them into attractive units which will need little or minimum work when new tenants move in.

## Kick-off to help causes

Councillors and council staff will battle it out in a football tournament in Dudley in aid of charity.

Elected members will take on council officers during a six-a-side tournament at Redhill School in Stourbridge on August 15. The players will compete on behalf of Team DB, which is Dudley Council's sports team that raises funds for charity throughout the year.

All money raised on the evening will go to the Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Alan Finch's chosen charities.

# HIPPODROME GETS STAY OF EXECUTION

We've won the battle, but not the war



Garry Sawers and Friends of Dudley Hippodrome show their joy at putting the future of the site on the agenda

CAMPAIGNERS bidding to save Dudley Hippodrome from demolition declared they had 'won the battle but not yet the war' after councillors deferred making a decision on its future.

Delighted supporters today welcomed the news, saying it would give them more time to put forward their case for reopening the former theatre.

Councillors agreed to delay deciding

on a planning application by the council to demolish the landmark building in Castle Hill to get more information on the group's plans.

The Friends of Dudley Hippodrome group wants to reopen the venue so it can stage West End-style shows and theatre workshops for youngsters and adults.

Chairman Geoff Fitzpatrick said today he was pleased the Hippodrome

had been given a stay of execution but said the group wouldn't rest on its laurels.

"This does not mean the fight is over by any means but it does give us more time to put forward our case in even more detail than before," he said. "There are things we still have to work on."

"We have won a battle but we have not yet won the war. The fight goes on."

DUDLEY Hippodrome has been given a stay of execution, to the delight of campaigners who are battling to save it from the bulldozer.

Councillors had been due to set a demolition date for the iconic building during a meeting last night.

But they deferred making a final decision until they have more information about what the campaigners propose it could be used for.

The result was greeted with jubilation from members of the Friends of Dudley Hippodrome, who have been campaigning to have the building reopened as a theatre and congregated outside the council last night.

Supporters hailed councillors' 'common sense' for listening to their views.

Last year Dudley Council announced its plan to bring down the building as part of a £10 million project.

But the Friends group launched a petition which collected more than 20,000 signatures.

Thirty eight letters of objection were also received from residents and the Theatres' Trust.

### Discussion

They even submitted a business plan for the resurrection of the theatre but the council has been told by an independent consultant that the plan was not viable.

Councillor Tim Wright said: "When it's gone, it's gone."

"I think we really really need to make sure every line of discussion has been explored before we consent to the demolition of the building."

Councillor Kieran Casey said the decision was 'really tricky' and his fellow councillor Asif Ahmed described it as 'probably the hardest application I'll deal with'.

Dr Paul Collins,

by Sharon Marris

spokesman for the Friends group, said: "I'm absolutely delighted that the members had the common sense to listen to the view of the people."

"I realise it's only a deferment but it gives us the opportunity for everything to be fully considered and I want to get the members inside the building."

"The outside is not so attractive but the interior is stunning and it's a magnificent theatre."

"I'm hoping that when they see that, it will win their hearts."

He added: "The vast majority of shows on in the West End at the moment could be at the Hippodrome."

The site of the Hippodrome has been earmarked for a £3 million Dudley Bug-shaped education and conference centre for Dudley Zoo.

A statement issued before last night's meeting by cabinet member for regeneration, Councillor Judy Foster, said: "We have an exciting opportunity to redevelop the site in conjunction with Dudley Zoo to provide a major new visitor attraction."

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## 140 jobs to go with closure of hauliers

A HAULAGE firm is to close its plant in the Black Country with the loss of 140 jobs, it was revealed today.

French distribution company Norbert Dentressangle will shut its depot in Rowley Regis and instead invest in a new central UK headquarters in Crick, Northamptonshire.

All 140 jobs at the plant in Doulton Road will go but staff are being given the chance to transfer to the Northamptonshire site.

Mike Bridges, managing director of Norbert Dentressangle transport services, said: "In line with our aim of continually improving our service to customers, Norbert Dentressangle is investing in a new 285,000sq ft facility at Crick for the UK Transport Services division."

"This change will involve the transfer of operations from our depot at Rowley Regis, which will close. The proposed relocation will be phased and is scheduled to begin from January 2014 and be completed by May."

Forklift truck driver Phil Mees, aged 44, said: "We were told last week that the Rowley Regis depot will close next March and we will all be made redundant. But it's too far for most of us."

Mr Mees, a divorcee living in Bluestone Walk, Rowley Regis, added: "I've worked here for eight years. We all knew this was coming - but I'm gutted really."

## Forums to hear views

COMMUNITY forums are being held across Dudley to give residents the chance to raise issue. Ten meetings will run between September 2 and 11.

Netherton, Woodside and St Andrews and Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood community forum takes place on September 2.

The next day, Coseley East and Sedgley community forum will take place and Upper Gornal & Woodseton meeting is due.

For details, log on to [www.dudley.gov.uk/about/community-council/community-forums/](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/about/community-council/community-forums/)

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## Inn for more rooms as hotel opens



Councillor Alan Finch at the hotel opening with staff members Tracy Williams, left, and Katie Hopkinson

A £3.5 MILLION hotel has opened in Dudley by the Mayor, Councillor Alan Finch. Premier Inn, which has 62 bedrooms on Castlegate Business Park, has created 22 jobs.

Operations manager James Tishshaw said: "We're delighted to be opening here. We believe the location is excellent. We are in close proximity to Dudley Zoo and the Black Country Living Museum, it is perfect for families wanting to stop somewhere."

"We have initially taken on 22, but as the

custom increases I am sure we will be taking on new staff to meet the demand."

The hotel concentrated on bringing in people aged from 16 to 24 who had been out of work for some time.

Katie Hopkinson, aged 20, from Pensnett, who used to go to Prestwood School, Kingswinford, said: "It is fantastic they can help young people who are trying to look for a job but finding it hard in the current climate. I think it brings everyone together."

## Unions in backlash over equal pay letdown claim

**TWO workers' unions have spoken out after claims hundreds of women were let down in their battle for equal pay settlements from Dudley Council.**

Almost 200 female former and current employees attended a meeting last week to voice their anger at unions and the council over the payouts they received.

Many of the women, which include catering staff, cleaners and care assistants, claim they were not given the right advice from union representatives - arguing they should have been offered more.

They say they could have got up to £85,000 each, but instead received as little as a few hundred pounds from the claims first made in 2010. But Andrew Maybury, secretary for Dudley General branch of UNISON, defended the union today, claiming the advice given to each affected woman was correct.

Mr Maybury said: "UNISON's solicitors advised the people who had received initial offers from the employers to reject them."

## Solicitors

"However, many people chose to go against their advice and accepted the offers and legally signed away their rights to make further claims."

"Those people who followed the advice of the union's solicitors and rejected the initial offers have, by and large, received larger settlement offers."

He added: "It is the view of Dudley General Branch of UNISON that members did receive appropriate legal advice and that that advice has subsequently proved to be correct."

"We do not feel that we can be held responsible for those members who chose to reject the legal advice they were given."

Gordon Gibbs, secretary for the Dudley branch of GMB, also disputed the women's claims. He said: "The council did settle cases we were involved in, but it is untrue to say we told every person to accept, there were instances we told them not to take an offer. Obviously, every case was different and each one was treated on its own accord."



Protesters - current and former workers from Dudley Council with solicitor Paul Savage at the Hare & Hounds

Among those at the meeting was Helen Downes, aged 48, a senior support worker who has worked at the council for 11-and-a-half years, said they were going to fight for the money they were owed.

The mother of two said: "If we had known we would have been offered more, we would not have accepted those initial offers. We want to find someone who will take on our case and help us fight for the money we are owed."

At the meeting they were joined by equal pay activist Paul Savage who urged the women to write to the union bosses and ask them to investigate how they handled their equal pay claims.

"There are hundreds of women at Dudley Council who were given the wrong advice and have not received

the money they were owed," he said. "A proper investigation needs to take place into this, and the women need someone to help them fight for the money they are owed."

Alison Darke, 47, from Halesowen, who has worked as a care assistant at Dudley Council for nine years, said the council and unions have treated them appallingly.

## Discuss

"They have treated us as if we are stupid, as if we wouldn't realise that others were being paid more," she said.

"They told everyone not to discuss their claims, in the hope we would not realise. The unions have not done their job properly and have not been on our side, and I know that's because we are women and they did

not think we were worth fighting for."

Dudley Council responded by saying no further payments would be given to those who had signed a legal agreement.

Councillor Gaye Partridge, cabinet member for human resources, legal and property, said: "Equal pay is an incredibly complex piece of work and every settlement is subject to a legal agreement approved by ACAS."

"Everyone is made fully aware of the circumstances when agreeing settlements, before making the agreement they are advised to take their own legal advice and speak to trade unions."

"However, we are unable to make any further payments where a legal agreement has been signed."

## Ex-worker's pneumonia led to death

A QUADRIPLEGIC former factory worker died in hospital of pneumonia after his inability to move left him susceptible to chest infections, an inquest heard.

Andrew Homer, of Brierley Hill, was left immobile after a disc in his neck moved years ago and required constant care from his family and district nurses.

Dudley Coroners Court yesterday heard the 51-year-old had been admitted to Dudley Russells Hall Hospital on September 13 last year.

Senior coroner Mr Robin Balmain was told Mr Homer, of Leys Road, Brierley Hill, had suffered from pressure sores for some time despite equipment such as a specialised mattress. He was taken to hospital for further treatment but had failed to respond to further courses of antibiotics.

Mr Homer died on September 16, 2012. Mr Balmain concluded he had died from natural causes.

## Music and dance feast

A FEAST of music and dance acts will appear in a variety show in Coseley in aid of the Mayor of Dudley's charities on August 22.

The show, starting at 8pm, will be held at Coseley Working Men's Club, Ivy-house Lane, off Birmingham New Road.

Councillor Alan Finch, Mayor of Dudley, said: "I'm delighted that the club is hosting the night for us and I am looking forward to seeing some talented entertainers and meeting people in the audience."

He will attend with his Mayoress, wife Heather, to represent his two chosen charities, White House Cancer Support and Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. Tickets cost £3 and are available from the club or by calling 07412 531924.

## Helpers needed for a spruce up

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help spruce up Stourbridge. Tidy Stourbridge, which meets regularly, is holding a Pick 'n' Pint event on Wednesday August 14.

After the pick, volunteers then gather together for a well-earned pint. They should meet at The Raven pub on Woods Lane, Brierley Hill, at 7pm, to tackle rubbish in the Caledonia area to the west of Thorns Road, Quarry Bank.

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## Building of offices under way

WORK is now well under way on the new two-storey office scheme being built for Staffordshire and West Midlands Probation Trust, on Dudley's Castlegate Business Park. The scheme will be around 80 staff move into the new building when it is finished.

This will mean the closure of existing probation service offices in Stourbridge, Netherton and Halesowen. Offender management staff based at Dudley Magistrates' Court will also relocate to the new building.

On behalf of the probation trust, Birmingham-based property specialist Stoford has appointed Bromsgrove-based Benniman Construction Group to build and fit out the 10,000 sq ft development.

Work is due to be completed by the end of this year. The project has been funded by privately-owned property investment company AC Lloyd which will retain the completed development within its portfolio.

It is Stoford's second development on the site owned by the Homes and Communities Agency.

## Health on MP agenda

Dudley North MP Ian Austin will meet officials from the borough's new health watchdog as part of his bid to raise patients' concerns.

He will be talking to members of Healthwatch Dudley to find out how it will deal with issues and complaints raised by residents.

The group is one of many across the country which have been tasked with helping patients air their concerns about local health-care and comes in the wake of reported higher than average death rates at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital.

## College chief's challenge joy

A COLLEGE director from Wall Health is celebrating after completing a gruelling 100-mile cycle challenge for charity. Kim Babb finished the Prudential London Surrey ride on Sunday in six hours and 50 minutes.

She took part in the challenge in memory of former Stourbridge College IT director Alex Speed, who died last year at the age of 45.

# Watching your paes and queues on big day

FREE pigs pudding, grey paes and bacon served up in every pub, a live concert and flags flying – are just some of the ways Express & Star readers have suggested the region could celebrate all that is good about the Black Country.

The suggestions come after it was revealed a Black Country flag flew in front of a government office on a supposed Black Country Day – only no-one in the area knew anything about it.

Now, West Bromwich East MP Tom Watson has asked for opinions on whether

the Black Country should have an annual celebration, like people in the north celebrate Yorkshire Day.

A date for the day has been suggested as July 14 to coincide with the anniversary of the invention of the Newcomen Engine in 1712, the first steam engine in the world.

But the Express & Star has been asking for suggestions of what we should celebrate.

Ideas have included music stars like Led Zeppelin's Robert Plant or Noddy Holder and Slade as well as beers and breweries such as Batham's, Holden's, Davenports or Banks's. Writing on the E&S Facebook

page, Steve O'Brien said he'd want 'free pigs pudding, grey paes and bacon in every Banks's pub'.

Alan Stanfield agreed with serving up grey paes while adding another reason to celebrate would be 'seeing a great Black Country group live'.

Members of the St John's Church Preservation Group said: "We have purchased our flag and will be flying it from next week."

The Black Country flag depicts a chain link on a black, white and red background and was designed last year as part of a competition.

It was flown on July 14 by local govern-

ment secretary Eric Pickles at his office in London.

Chris Kelly, Tory MP for Dudley South, was involved with the flag-raising event and said: "I'd like to see Black Country Day repeated next year."

"I think this, as the first celebration, was deliberately low key with the first flag unfurled above the Department for Local Communities and Government in Whitehall."

"Also, there was no need for substantial public expenditure in launching Black Country Day, with its new flag."

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# Fence yobs come under fire after quarry pool teen death

by Sharon Marris

A CORONER has criticised vandals who damaged a fence around a disused quarry allowing youngsters to access the site, including a teenager who drowned in a pool there, as an inquest ruled his death was accidental.

Police said the firm which owned the land had done 'everything it reasonably could' to secure the site known locally as the Blue Lagoon near Himley.

A jury yesterday took less than 30 minutes to return a verdict of accidental death on the death of 15-year-old Augusto Zacarias.

Jurors heard Augusto and a group of friends had entered the site, through a gap in a fence on July 25 last year.

The teenager, who could not swim, had slipped from a ledge and plunged into the marl hole pool, near to the Crooked House pub, Himley.

## Pulled

His friends had desperately tried to help him but the teenager had panicked.

Jurors heard his friends had managed to get him to the side of the pool but, in his fear, he had pulled away from the edge.

Emergency services were called but Augusto disappeared beneath the water.

Giving evidence at the hearing at Smethwick Coroner's Court, John Davies, health, safety and environment manager at Wienerberger, who owned the site at the time of the tragedy said: "On the morning this tragedy took place we had a contractor out to repair the fence as there had been trespassers on the day before," he said.

"There was a situation where repairs could be done in the morning and the fence could be damaged



Drowned – Augusto, 15

again later the same day." And he added 4x4 vehicles had been used to tear down the fence previously.

Giving evidence yesterday Augusto's father Pedro, said: "I am very sorry to have lost my son in these circumstances."

Senior Coroner Mr Robin Balmain said: "The damage to the fence was caused by someone from the community."

"It is perfectly shocking and reprehensible."

"The people who have done this know who they are and will need to live with the fact that what they did will undoubtedly have been an encouragement for these boys to go onto the site."



Soldier Gordon Nicoll seen in 1944



Gordon and wife Irene at their 1954 wedding



The Korean Peace Medal sent by the embassy

## Peace medal honour for hero

AN ex-serviceman from the Black Country was honoured for the vital role he played in the Korean War just weeks before his death following a battle with cancer.

Gordon Nicoll, aged 86, was presented with a Peace Medal sent by the Korean Embassy to recognise his service in the campaign at a ceremony held at Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Hospice.

The medal was created by the Korean Government to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the conflict.

Mr Nicoll, who lived in Rowley Regis for many years, was presented with the award by Royal British Legion members David Weaver and Derek Wright during the ceremony on June 11, which was attended by four generations of the former soldier's family.

Staff at the hospice, in Hagley Road, worked to secure the accolade after being told Mr Nicoll, who served with the 1st Battalion Argyll and Southern Highlanders, had been awarded a Presidential Unit Citation years ago but had been unable to attend the presentation.

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**CANCEL** Armageddon. It seems all those dire warnings about bees and butterflies dying out and crops failing through lack of pollination may have been exaggerated. A few hot, sunny weeks have seen a startling rise in the number of insects, with some beekeepers claiming their hive colonies are back to normal. Watch out for a sudden change in the headlines over the coming weeks as our attitudes shift:

- \*Bees and butterflies booming - official
  - \*Enough bees - now buzz off!
  - \*Clouds of butterflies ruin royal christening
  - \*Miliband demands action on killer cabbage whites
  - \*Mad moths bit my baby
- Remember, you read it here first.

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THE third SAS recruit struck down with heatstroke on the Brecon Beacons last month has died and still some armchair generals thunder on about the need to train special forces to the limits. If this triple tragedy had happened to SAS soldiers on patrol in Afghanistan, heads would roll. That it happened in full view of the public on a mountain in the UK is beyond belief, and beyond excuses.

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**MICHAEL** Curry and his partner Kathleen McLelland spent £20,000 on a caravan for their retirement. It was stolen and turned up 18 months later 10 miles down the road in Hampshire, occupied by a traveller family who claimed to have bought it from someone in a pub for £300. Police say there is not enough evidence to charge anyone with theft and, if the couple want their caravan back, they will have to take civil action because removing the travellers from the stolen caravan would breach their human rights. Do you remember a time when stories like this used to surprise us?

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**REJOICE.** This week Auntie Beep finally told the nation what she has known for many months, that the phone-hacking carried out by the wicked Press was only the tip of the iceberg. As this column has pointed out several times, the Serious Organised Crime Agency, Soca, is aware of private detectives working not only for Fleet Street but for legal firms, celebrities and blue-chip companies. Yet while the BBC gave us saturation coverage of the Leveson Inquiry into Fleet Street's misbehaviour, it said barely a word about the Soca findings. Finally BBC News covered the story. I cherish the moment when the newsreader invited a correspondent to "explain this rather murky story." It is only rather murky, Auntie, because you have failed to shine a light on it.

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**JUST** back from a few days staying at an excellent pub in that pretty little corner where Shropshire meets Herefordshire and Wales. We slept well, lulled into Nod by the baa-ing of sheep. Sheep are puzzling creatures. They lead very boring lives but always have something to talk about. We had a fabulous walk, up and down a succession of Housman's blue remembered Shropshire hills and valleys, emerging from dripping, Amazon-like rainforests into lush meadows with views of distant Caer Caradoc. Last year it would have been too wet for this eight-mile trek, last week it was too hot and who knows what next year will bring? Walk while you may because one day, long before you expect it, your walking days will be over and you will wonder, as you recharge your mobility scooter, why you never did Offa's Dyke.

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**JANE** Austen is to appear on the £10 note marking a little victory for women campaigners who feared male domination of Britain's paper currency. Miss Austen published just six novels, all of which make the point that the very best thing a woman can do with her life is marry a rich man. A strange sort of hero for the feminists.

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

Pensioners in village fall victim to conman

A CONMAN has been preying on 'kind-hearted' pensioners in a village near Stourbridge, taking cash from them after claiming he needed it to visit his sick wife.

Police said the victims - two elderly couples and a woman living in Hagley - were left feeling 'distressed and upset' after realising the man who called at their homes had tricked them into giving him money.

An arrest has now been made but police are still appealing for information.

A woman's purse was stolen, with cash in it, after a man called at the Worcester Road address and was let in by the elderly householder when he said he needed money to travel to see his wife in hospital.

Hagley Parish Council chairman Steve Colella said it was 'disgusting' anyone would prey on the elderly.

"It is terrible when people of any age are conned out of money but to target the elderly and vulnerable is very low indeed," he said.

Driver left with minor injuries as car hits van

A DRIVER suffered minor injuries after her car struck a parked goods van near to an accident blackspot in Dudley. Police, fire and paramedics were called to Temple Street, in Gornal, following the crash at around 6am last Thursday.

The driver was treated by the ambulance crew while firefighters closed the road near to its junction with Church Street for about 45 minutes to clear spilled petrol. She was taken to nearby Russells Hall Hospital, in Dudley, for further

checks and treatment but police said her injuries were not thought to be serious.

Meanwhile a pregnant woman was taken to hospital after a two car crash in Oldbury last Thursday.

Two cars collided on the Wolverhampton Road just before its junction with Hagley Road at around 8.30am, blocking the busy road.

Paramedics assessed one of the drivers who was a pregnant woman, and she was taken to Russells Hall Hospital for checks.

Author's joy after novel is new film

A LONG-awaited film adaptation of a Black Country author's debut novel starring Nicole Kidman and Colin Firth has been completed.

Writer Steve Watson, originally from Stourbridge, hailed the two hours he spent watching the movie as 'the most emotional night of my life'.

Before I go to Sleep is based on the book of the same name, which has sold more than 350,000 copies. Nicole Kidman will star in the film alongside fellow Hollywood heavyweight Colin Firth.

She will play Christine Lucas, who wakes up to find she does not recognise her life, while Colin Firth will play her husband Ben.

Mr Watson attended a screening of the film in London with other stars, crew members and the production company. A few changes are expected to be made before the final cut is put together ahead of its release early next year.

Mr Watson said: "The film is absolutely brilliant - it was one of the most emotional nights of my life. Nicole Kidman is totally brilliant as Christine."

Mr Watson spent a number of days on set in London during the winter. The movie is expected to be one of the biggest hits of the year when it is released.

Mr Watson, aged 41, said Kidman had 'really got inside the character'.

He added: "It was like seeing my imagination brought to life - like walking around in my own head."

Poor families face cut to council tax benefits

COUNCIL tax benefits could be cut for low-income families in Dudley borough under plans to make savings.

Dudley Council is considering making changes to its Council Tax Reduction scheme from April 2014 in order to save cash. The council's decision-making cabinet has already formally recommended an 8.5 per cent reduction.

by Sharon Marris

However it will not make a final decision until later this year. A fresh consultation has now been launched to get residents' views on whether the scheme should continue as it is or the changes should be made. Last year the Government abolished the national council tax benefit scheme and replaced it with local initiatives - such as the Council Tax Reduction scheme. It meant a 10 per cent loss in Government funding, around £2.4 million in Dudley.

Changing

Following a consultation, the authority decided to protect all low income families from any cuts in the council tax benefits they receive.

But officials today said that the authority was facing further cuts to its funding and a decision had to be made on whether to make savings by changing the reduction scheme.

Residents are being asked to choose between three options. The first is to make no cut at all while the second is the authority's favoured

option of an 8.5 per cent cut with some protection for vulnerable groups. The third option is for a 20 per cent cut in the amount of council tax reduction given by the council. This would mean low-income families would have to pay more council tax.

Pensioners must be protected from any changes to the scheme - but the consultation asks if any other groups should also be protected if changes are made.

The consultation can be completed at [www.dudley.gov.uk/benefits](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/benefits)

Alternatively, copies are available at Dudley Council Plus and all borough libraries. The consultation ends on October 18 and a decision made later in the year.

Cabinet member for finance, Councillor Pete Lowe, said: "Last year we made the decision to fully protect residents from the Government's policy change. However, finances continue to be under severe pressure, which means we really need to ask local people what they think."

Revamp shuts post office

A POST office in Stourbridge will be closed for more than two weeks for refurbishment. The High Street outlet will be shut until August 19. The work will see the number of counter positions increase from four to five. Opening hours will also be increased by three hours a week. During the work, customers have been told to use nearby Post Offices in High Street, Lye and Junction Road, Stourbridge.

Zoo loco gets first woman driver



Volunteer Sally Skinner gets behind the wheel as Dudley Zoo's first woman train driver

A DUDLEY Zoo volunteer has been left chuffed after becoming the first female land train driver in the attraction's history.

Sally Skinner passed all the rigorous road train driving tests with flying colours and can now be found behind the wheel of the much-loved locomotive every Sunday.

The 38-year-old, from Cradley Heath, is a well-known face at the zoo having been a volunteer for three years.

She said: "It was a bit overwhelming at first being in a very male dominated environment and I do get the odd quips about women drivers, but I am very proud to be Dudley Zoo's first female train driver."

"It's quite difficult to drive as it's completely different to driving a car, but I am

enjoying it and it's great to see the children's reactions to the train as they all love riding on it."

"I'm also having to get used to having my photo taken quite a lot, as children want to be pictured with me and the train."

The red locomotive-style land train travels up and down Castle Hill, taking aboard dozens of children, parents, buggies and baggage every day.

It was introduced on site 25 years ago. The 2.5-litre diesel Dotto train runs throughout the zoo's main season and Christmas, plus additional events. The vehicle, which was made in Italy, has two carriages and can carry up to 40 children or 30 adults for each journey.

Recycling bin rounds are up and running

NEW recycling and household rubbish collections started in Dudley this week.

Around 40,000 homes have received two recycling bags and a grey wheellie bin for non-recyclable waste.

Dudley Council began to collect plastic bottles and cardboard from homes from Monday.

It comes after the council received a government grant of £1.8 million to expand its services.

There are 40,000 homes in the first phase of the project with the rest following in two additional phases before spring next year.

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## Call goes up to sign on for the great run

PEOPLE are being urged to sign up for the second annual fun run around the streets of Halesowen in September.

The run, which has been renamed the Great Black Country Road Run, helps raise money for good causes around the region.

Around 400 people signed up for last year's run but the event has now been expanded to include both 5k and 10k courses.

Organisers from the Halesowen and Bowley Regis Rotary Club are now hoping to entice athletes around the country to take part in the race.

Visit [www.bostinrun.com](http://www.bostinrun.com) for more details and to sign up.

Around 800 places are available for the September 22 event.

Rotarian Alan Bowler, who is the event director, said: "Last year's fun run was an unprecedented success, a community fun-filled event and raised £6,000 for good causes but the 2013 event will be even bigger and better."

He added: "We wanted to open up the event to the whole region so from now on it will be called 'The Great Black Country Road Run' and we have implemented changes so even more money can go to local charities and good causes."

Money raised from last year's event was shared between Midland Air Ambulance, MacMillan Nurses and Birmingham Children's Hospital's cancer unit.

## Crash teenager goes back home

A TEENAGER who was taken to hospital after being hit by a car at a busy junction in Kidderminster is back at home.

The 17-year-old girl suffered pelvic injuries from the accident at the junction of Hurcott Road and Chester Road North in Kidderminster.

She has now been released from Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

## Old film is rerun

A SCREENING OF The Band Wagon starring Fred Astaire will take place at Stourbridge Town Hall in September. It will start at 1.30pm and tickets cost £3. The film tells the story of a movie star whose career is in a downturn.

# Dear deer for residents' garden wildlife treat



A muntjac deer which has been in gardens

THIS little deer caused a stir among neighbours when it was spotted foraging in gardens.

It is thought to be a muntjac – a common sight in the countryside but rarer in towns. Retired design engineer John Smallwood, aged 77, rushed for his camera to photograph the deer when he spotted the animal in his garden in Eveson Road, Norton, near Stourbridge.

He said: "It was amazing – I've never seen a muntjac in a garden before."

"I was looking out of my bedroom window at about 8.20am and saw a shape disappearing into the foliage."

"It emerged again and I could see it was a small deer, which I later identified on the

internet as a muntjac. It wandered around and then disappeared through a hole in the fence into my neighbour's garden, where I took the pictures."

Mr Smallwood, who lives with his wife, Pam, is used to seeing foxes in his garden and is a keen bird-watcher. He spotted the deer on Sunday morning.

He said: "The little deer went on into another neighbour's garden and then I lost it. It's been a topic of conversation since in the area – it was smashing."

Zoologist Dr David Beeston, registrar and research co-ordinator at Dudley Zoo, said the species was a Reeves's muntjac – a native of China but now common in the British countryside. He could tell that it was

a male because it had new antlers growing. "They live wild in large numbers," said Dr Beeston.

"It's been very dry and it had probably come from the countryside surrounding Norton to look for more lush vegetation and gardens, which are watered, are more lush."

### Otters

"A number of wild animals are now cropping up in towns in the West Midlands – for instance it's possible to catch sight of otters in canals. We've got buzzards circling over Dudley Castle and there are wild polecats around towns now. It's amazing how wildlife is repopulating urban areas."

# A bun in the oven sees cake couple cook up retirement

A BUN in the oven is halting four decades of cake-making by a Black Country couple known to thousands of local brides.

For Michael and June Gadd, who have produced an estimated 14,000 wedding cakes in their 40 years in business, are now expectant grandparents. And they have decided to retire so that they are free to travel frequently from their

Sedgley home to America – to see their grandchild, due to be born over the New Year to their 28-year-old son Michael and his wife Shannon in Chicago.

They are in the process of selling up their equipment at Gadd's Special Cakes in Watsons Green Road, Kates Hill, Dudley, ready to close at the end of August, after putting the icing on their final orders.

"We're very excited about expecting our first grandchild," June said.

### Longer

"We've seen the scans and are looking forward to the birth between December 31 and January 6."

"Our son wanted us to go and live in Chicago, where he is a financial adviser, but we decided, after 40 years, we would retire at the top of our game so that we can go for longer periods to America to see our grandchild."

Michael, now aged 68, met June, 62, when he was chef and she was receptionist at the Park Hall Hotel in Wolverhampton, which was winning competitions thanks to his skills.

Michael and June first set up business at the Fighting Cocks pub in Fighting Cocks, Wolverhampton, in 1973.

Four years later, after Michael won a gold award in

by Louise Jaw

London for his cake-making skills, they spread their wings and moved to their current premises.

He is the master craftsman behind the creation of lavish confections, which have ranged from replicas of the Empire State Building and the Eiffel Tower to a smorkelling bride and groom, while June handles the design, marketing and finances.

"You can always tell a Michael Gadd cake from the taste," said June.

"They're made in the old fashioned way, using family recipes with top quality ingredients."

Colourful creations and cakes for christenings, birthdays, anniversaries and all kinds of celebrations have filled their bakery with sweet aromas – tempting customers who call into their showroom.

Brides have chosen all manner of themes for their cakes – from camper vans to castles and Disney palaces.

There was even one who wanted a coffin cake – because the couple met at Gornal Wood Crematorium.

But one of June's favourites ever was a wedding cake festooned with sugar, hand-crafted flowers, delivered to Patshall Park.

Now their premises – the old Vanes bakery, built in 1939 – is to be turned into flats.



Mike and June Gadd from Michael Gadd Cakes for Special Occasions who are shutting up shop after 40 years

## Ex-MP in running to join EU parliament

A FORMER Stourbridge MP is in the running to become a Labour candidate to try and win a seat in the European Parliament.

Neena Gill, who lost her West Midlands seat in Brussels in 2009, has been chosen by the party to contest the elections next May.

Her position as the leading candidate means she is almost guaranteed of winning back her old job because of the European system of proportional representation, which allocated seats based on parties' shares of the vote.

Sion Simon, former MP for Erdington, is second on the list and will win a seat if Labour improves its share of the vote. He stood down as an MP in 2010 to campaign for Birmingham to have an elected mayor.

Former Stourbridge MP Lynda Waltho is third on the list. She lost her seat in Westminster to Tory Margot James in 2010. The other candidates

are Birmingham councillor Ansar Ali Khan, Stoke councillor Olwen Hamer, lawyer Anthony Eihapemi and Rugby councillor Claire Edwards.

However they are only likely to get elected if the Tories, Lib Dems and UK Independence Party all poll very badly.

Labour's deputy leader Harriet Harman said: "I am proud that that such strong, committed and inspiring people have been picked by ordinary Labour Party members."

## NEWS in brief

### Taxi fares could be about to rise

TAXI fares in Wyre Forest could be increased after proposals were lodged by drivers amid concerns over the rising cost of fuel and licence fees.

Councillors will consider an application for a change in the Hackney Carriage fare tariff – the maximum amount drivers can charge for journeys.

Four options for new fares have been put forward by Bewdley Taxi Association with increases ranging from around three to 16 per cent depending on the length of the trip.

A four-week consultation has already taken place with 60 people, who work in the trade, saying they favoured a rise.

### Roof fall man is rescued by crew

FIRE and ambulance crews rescued an injured man who appeared to have fallen through a hole in the roof of a disused abattoir on the edge of Stourport.

The man was brought down from the first floor by Stourport's retained fire crew.

He was given pain relief before being taken to hospital.

### Memories spark from radio meet

SCHOOL memories came flooding back for an MP during a visit to a community radio station after meeting one of his former classmates.

Ian Austin, who is MP for Dudley North, visited volunteers at Black Country Community Radio in Dudley.

Among the station staff is Jon Hotchkiss who grew up alongside Mr Austin when they attended Dudley Grammar School.

### Prostate therapy prolonging lives

NEW treatments have tripled the life expectancy of British men with incurable prostate cancer over the last 10 years, research has shown.

Patients treated at a leading London cancer hospital that pioneers new therapies now survive 41 months on average, compared with between 13 and 16 months a decade ago.

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## NEWS FEATURE

## IN MY VIEW

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ANOTHER term beckons for Robert Mugabe in Zimbabwe following his landslide victory in last week's general election.

There have been some voices expressing concerns that the ballot might have been rigged, but these suspicions do not seem to be shared by people on the ground. A recent opinion poll showed that among the population of Harare, 140 per cent believed the vote was free and fair.

POOR little kids, don't you just love them?

Natalie Hynde, the daughter of Pretenders singer Chrissie Hynde and Kinks frontman Ray Davies, was arrested last week for her part in a protest against shale gas exploration in Sussex.

So miffed was Harry Potter lookalike Natalie, that she and boyfriend Simon 'Sitting Bull' Medhurst decided to super-glue themselves to the entrance gate of the site where the work was taking place. Not my idea of a day out in the country, but each to their own.

However, they appear to have overlooked one obvious flaw in their protest, which came unstuck the moment officers arrived with a bottle of super-glue thinner. Flippin' coppers, they think of everything don't they? Still, the pair had their moment in the limelight. And besides, the weather over the weekend was atrocious.

It seems that Natalie is actually a bit of a jack-of-all-trades of the protest movement, having previously been involved in the Occupy London sit-in and the demonstration against the Bexhill-to-Hastings link road.

Natalie now describes herself as a 'full-time environmental protester', which sure beats working in a supermarket, even if the wages aren't much cop.

Of course youthful rebellion is nothing new, but Natalie is 30 years old and Simon the Sitting Bull 55. Wouldn't you have expected them to have got all this out of their system and, I dunno, settled down into a job, by now?

Maybe Simon, who used to work as an RAF photographer, is having a mid-life crisis, but I think on balance a Harley Davidson makes more sense.

WE HAVE heard much about the rip-off charges of banks, and utility providers, but what about car insurance providers?

This week I have been charged £45 by my car insurance broker for simply changing the number plate on my car.

This 'administration fee' is nearly a quarter of my annual premium. Apparently, £15 of it goes to the insurance company for updating the documents, and the remaining £30 to the broker for the onerous task of taking the details and passing the information on.

Time for an investigation, I think.



With her vast collection of trophies at home in Dudley



Daughter Lauren, who is now seven, holds a trophy



Reanne during the Wuxi Classic in China last month

# World champ Reanne breaks from the norm

**ANDREW TURTON** talks to one woman who combines life as a top snooker player with being a young mother

**SHE juggles motherhood with hours in the practice room perfecting big breaks to become the queen of women's snooker.**

Yet the reigning ladies world snooker champion Reanne Evans can go unnoticed as she joins parents on the school run in her home town Dudley.

The 27-year-old, from Gornal, is top of the women's game, lifting the WLBFA World Ladies' Snooker title nine consecutive times.

But the Black Country's queen of the baize is not content to notch records against other women players and is now trying to establish herself at the highest level of the men's professional tour.

While the men's game is going through a commercial revolution at the hands of sports magnate Barry Hearn, the women's game often goes unnoticed in clubs across the country.

## Devoted

Reanne scraped together what prize money she wins along with support from her devoted family to allow her to travel on the women's tour across the country.

The game is quickly expanding to far-flung destinations abroad like the Far East and Russia.

And Reanne is now sharing the spotlight with the greats of the game including 'The Rocket' Ronnie O'Sullivan and former world champion John Higgins.

She became the first woman ever to reach the final stages of a main ranking snooker tournament when she qualified for the 2013 Wuxi Classic in China last month.

She received adulation as she was mobbed by fans, signing autographs and posing for pictures. But despite all her success so far she says nothing is more



Women's World Champion snooker player Reanne Evans with her trophy

satisfying than being a mother to her seven-year-old daughter Lauren.

"It's brilliant and I hate to be away from her," Reanne explained. "But luckily I have built-in babysitters with my parents who are a great help to me. Also we have Facetime [mobile video calling] which has helped a lot."

"You know you are away on tour and that's your job and you've got to do it but it helps that she is with my mom and dad."

"I won one world championship when I was seven-and-a-half months pregnant with my daughter. I went there

to practice until by chance one day Reanne picked up a cue and realised she had talent. "My elder brother was late for practice one day so his mates said 'come on pick your cue up, let's have a game' and we played and I took to it straight away," Reanne says.

She says she received funny looks from men in the clubs, adding: "I was the only girl at the time so there was a little bit of a thing but I used to beat all of my brothers' mates and they'd never come in again."

She was soon part of Midlands league teams at the age of 16 and was encouraged to play on the ladies' tour – all while studying part time at sixth form. It was not long before success followed and in 2005 she won her first world title aged 19. Her father created a purpose-built snooker room in the back garden at home to help her improve.

## Coverage

Trophy cabinets are packed full of prizes and her burgeoning career has also been supported by On Q Promotions.

But Reanne says she is happy to help lead the way for the women's game to get more coverage.

"I also want other women to be playing on the men's tour," she said. "I've taken my coaching badge and I'm now a World Snooker coach so if they want me to help the ladies then I'd be happy to do it."

"I want to prove that I can play and make a living out of a game that I like playing."

Reanne has called on businessman Barry Hearn, who led the development of darts and boxing coverage, to help develop the women's side of the game to coincide with his commercial transformation of snooker.

Ideas include a mixed doubles event and changes to the seeding structure for main tournaments to improve competition and encourage women to play.

"At the minute there is only me playing on the men's tour but I'd love for there to be more," she said.

## THROUGH THE YEARS

### 1983...

BRIDE Adele Hughes was left blushing after her £70,000 Rolls Royce wedding car broke down. A replacement Bentley was hurriedly dispatched to her Wombourne home but she still arrived 10 minutes late for the ceremony.

A WOLVERHAMPTON man had a lucky escape after a gas cylinder exploded, setting his bathroom ablaze. Fleet-footed David Manford escaped with minor burns after leaping to safety through the bathroom window of his terraced house in Bilston.

WEST Bromwich Albion players and officials were involved in a mid-air drama during a flight to a pre-season training trip in Amsterdam. Their jet developed an engine fault as it was flying over Norfolk, forcing the captain to make an emergency landing at Heathrow Airport.

### 1993...

WELEPHANT met the elephants during a preview of a jumbo fire safety scheme at Dudley Zoo. The West Midlands fire service mascot met real-life elephants Kasama and Flossie to promote the fire prevention campaign which was aimed at children and pensioners.

A PRACTICAL joker who was sacked when a prank backfired won back his job with Dudley Council. The prankster lost his job after advertising a colleague's car for sale at a knockdown price leaving the victim inundated with calls from bargain-hunters.

EIGHT hundred Chubb workers in Wolverhampton staged the first of a planned wave of strikes over a management plan to stop union meetings. Staff at the three Woden Road factories walked out despite the company denying it had adopted an anti-union line.

### 2003...

SIR Bobby Charlton was at Molineux for an emotional ceremony to unveil a bronze statue of Wolves legend Stan Cullis. The nine-foot statue features a bronze plinth carved with Cullis's most poignant saying: "You only get one life, and I gave mine to the Wolves."

AT least one fire engine in Wolverhampton was out of service every day due to a shortage of firefighters in the city. Officials said recruitment problems during a period of industrial action meant not all of the city's fire engines could be manned.

A Stourbridge grandmother had a new-found claim to fame after discovering she designed the motif on the Zimbabwe flag. Joan Haigh originally designed the bird emblem for a carpet in a civic building in Zimbabwe in 1958.

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## LETTERS

## Frustration over bus lane confusion

I AM completed frustrated with the unnecessary bus lanes in Halesowen Town Centre. This has been a blight for local residents and the community now for more than eight years.

It angers me to find West Midlands Police have recently been 'tweeting' about the number of fixed penalty tickets issued on July 26 for drivers who were using the bus lane.

Under many circumstances this is unavoidable because of the way the road markings are set out, ie leaving Pool Road from the public car park on a busy Friday to travel towards Dudley.

It is my understanding that Dudley Council agreed a plan to remove these

after the completion of the new bus station and return the Queensway into Halesowen and Bromsgrove Road out of Halesowen to their original state.

The bus station has been complete for two years now and still the council has not put forward a plan to resolve this.

As a local who visits the town centre regularly I am fully aware of the problems these bus lanes have caused for the community.

It is now impossible to join Bromsgrove Road from Pool Road during busy periods as this means crossing the bus lane and the queues form all the way back into the centre of Halesowen. It is

also dangerous travelling down the Bromsgrove Road past Tenterfields where, on busy periods, the inside lane converges and all the traffic is forced into one lane.

It is no surprise people are using an empty bus lane when there is a high volume of traffic and they can see nothing in the bus lane.

Normal traffic far outnumbers the volume of buses which use the route and it is about time the road system was put back to its original design to benefit the majority of road users.

**NICK GREGORY**  
Howley Grange Road  
Halesowen

## Elderly will suffer with more bins

IT seems Dudley council has decided to introduce another wheelie bin in the autumn for our household rubbish.

Where we live it is very hilly and I was wondering how the older folk are going to cope having to wheel out their cumbersome bin, pull it down steps to place at the edge of the pavement and then lug it back into their gardens when empty.

How are they going to cope when there is snow and ice on the pavements, it is a pity Dudley did not offer wheelie bins as an option, rather than making them compulsory.

It is also a pity they did not ask those that vote them in, whether we would actually like another wheelie bin.

Maybe the council is going to employ an operative that will go around and replace the said new bins back into older folks properties.

**PHIL WALKER**  
Intended Street  
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## LETTERS to the Editor

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## Improved transport is the way forward

PETER Rhodes uses every opportunity to criticise the High Speed 2 plans (July 25), even though his piece a week earlier suggests he has little idea what is actually in them.

But I am surprised the Chronicle has failed even to acknowledge there is an argument in favour of HS2.

Only by improving transport can the UK's economy become less centralised in the south east and without better infrastructure, Britain will lose out to international competitors who are investing in theirs. Also by diverting inter-city passengers on to new tracks, more capacity on existing routes will be available for regional passengers, commuters and freight.

The plans cleverly bring major improvements to inter-regional links and new journey opportunities between the Midlands and North and places such as Heathrow.

And not least, that the Stourbridge area will benefit in particular because of its privileged links directly to the hub of the new network at Birmingham Moor Street.

**CASPAR LUCAS**  
Castle Grove  
Oldswinford, Stourbridge

## Workmanship

MANY people living in Sedgley will appreciate the standard of workmanship being carried out in replacing the stone wall in Gospel End Road, Sedgley.

Perhaps now someone on the council will look at turning Gospel End Road by the Court House pub into a one-way system either by using Vicar Street or by removing the unused toilets and using the top part of Ettimore Road.

**PL CUNNEEN**  
Tennyson Road  
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## Hospital praise

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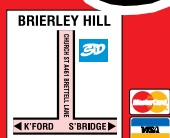
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## NEWS

# Two businesses open up for trade at attraction



Senior sales assistant, Kerry Cooper, at the new Stourbridge Crystal Glass Centre in High Street, Wordsley, Dudley



Jaki Thompson who has started a business called Momma's Workshop in the Red House Glass Cone, Stourbridge

**A LANDMARK glass factory in Wordsley has been given a boost with the launch of two new businesses.**

Crystal glass is once again being sold at the Red House Glass Cone following the launch of the Stourbridge Crystal Glass Centre at the former Stuart Crystal Factory Shop.

Long-running firm Brierley Hill Crystal recently took over the unit at the entrance to the cone on High Street and is now trading.

And a new sewing business has also opened up at the cone which will offer workshops to people wanting to learn more about the technique.

The firm, called Momma's Workshop, has been launched by former Dudley and Stourbridge College tutor

Jaki Thompson, of Brierley Hill, who will also make and sell items from the unit.

Bosses at the attraction said both businesses were major additions to the site. Brierley Hill Crystal managing director Darryll Hemmings said the centre had been set up to mark the centenary of his family's business.

It will sell items created at the firm's factory, in Pedmore Road, Brierley Hill. All pieces are individually hand-blown and cut.

### Perfect

Engraver Carl Palmer, formerly of Royal Brierley Crystal, is working from the shop.

Mr Hemmings, aged 44, said: "We wanted to do something to celebrate the centenary of the business and what better way than to open a shop here at

the cone. The site is well known for its glass heritage and was perfect for what we were looking for.

"Having Carl on board as our engraver really brings everything full circle as we are able to sell glass of this kind on a site which shares its history."

The company has created special glass tankards to mark the birth of the Prince of Cambridge last week.

The Stuart Crystal shop closed in 2009.

Jaki Thompson, aged 61, said she had been inspired to launch her business by her daughter Kate.

"Previously I was a sewing teacher working at Dudley and Stourbridge College. It really started a few years ago when my daughter Kate celebrated her 21st birthday," she said.

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## NEWS

# Sky is the limit for Karl as he aims for his wings

**A DISABLED former soldier who was so badly burned by a bomb attack in Iraq that he had to learn to walk again, is training to be a pilot.**

And while Karl Hinett is in the air so is love because he popped the question to his girlfriend.

The Dudley soldier-turned-fundraiser proposed to girlfriend Beth Platts, aged 26, on a trip to Japan.

Now he is in training to get his licence with hopes of becoming a commercial pilot when he qualifies.

Karl, also 26, lives in Dudley with Miss Platts, who supported him in his epic challenge to run 100 marathons in two years in aid of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Charity Birmingham, said he proposed while they were overseas two months ago.

## Amazing

Although he has a wedding to plan, although no date has yet been set, Karl, of Stirling Road, will be staying focussed on his latest goal.

He said: "It was funded by Help for Heroes and the place where I am actually training is Blackbushe Airport, Surrey.

"The company who are sorting out all the training is a company called Aerobility which caters specifically for disabled people, so they help get people with disabilities and teach them to fly.

"Currently what I am training to do is complete my private pilot's licence which in the grand scheme of becoming a pilot is the start of it which requires me to do a minimum of 45 hours of flying.

"There are numerous exams that I have to sit, a lot of theory, but that is the first step on the ladder to becoming a commercial pilot."

Karl started training earlier this month and admitted the challenge was



Karl Hinett looks to the future as he undertakes training to be a pilot

daunting. "It really is nerve-wracking," he said.

"There was no messing about, we were straight into the air with the good weather we had, so I got a lot of practise up in the air.

## Tricky

One of the tricky manoeuvres was learning how to cope when the aircraft stalls so that was quite nerve-wracking, but it was amazing and it is all run by people who have experienced hardship through their own disabilities and the people who run it are amazing."

"When the opportunity came along I jumped at it," he added.

As a private with the Staffordshire Regiment, Karl suffered severe burns to his hands, legs, arms and face after

the armoured vehicle he was travelling in was bombed in Iraq in 2005 while he was serving in the Army.

His injuries were so bad he had to painstakingly learn to walk again.

But he said the experience has made him snap up any challenges that come his way.

"I could never imagine half the things that I have done now I would have done before I was injured," he said. "The injury changed my life, it just made me really say 'yes' more when opportunities came along.

"Everyone's a bit hesitant when trying new things, but instead of backing down to nerves and uncertainty I just think at least I have tried. It has definitely given me a brighter outlook on life."

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### Difficult

We have turned things round. The deficit - the difference between what we spend as a country and what we receive in taxes - has been cut by a third. That means that each year we have to borrow less and less.

We baulk at £3,471 borrowed for every household. In 2010 it stood at £5,675. We have made difficult decisions about public spending, but it is working, the deficit is coming down.

It is our ambition to eliminate the deficit completely, putting the country back into surplus so that every year we can actually pay off our debts rather than add to them. This is responsible.

The Chancellor recently set out steps to get the deficit down by a further £11.5 billion. As promised, the NHS and education budgets are both protected. There will be no cuts to military

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*"Growth is taking root across the board and the recovery is not hitting everything from agriculture to construction"*

numbers and the equipment budget for our brave servicemen will rightly go up.

We are setting aside money to enable local councils to freeze Council Tax for a further two years. This means that Council Tax will have been frozen for the entire Parliament - five years - worth £100 to the average family. For those on fixed incomes this is a real help.

There will be further caps to welfare and fairness will be extended. Benefit claimants who do not speak English will have to learn or lose their benefits. Pensioners who retire to the sun will lose their winter fuel payments in a new 'temperature test'.

Britain has to live within its means, but that does not have to come at the price of progress. Through reform,

getting more from every pound we spend; growth, to give Britain the education, enterprise and economic infrastructure it needs; and fairness, making sure that those with the broadest shoulders bear the largest burden - we can move forward.

Last month saw really positive news on the economy which grew by 0.6 per cent in the three months to June, up from 0.3 per cent in the previous quarter.

Crucially, every sector of the economy grew, showing that growth is taking root across the board and the recovery is now hitting everything from agriculture to construction.

These figures are much better than forecast showing that, despite Labour talking down the economy, we are turning things round, we are

generating growth.

Crucially, we are far outperforming our EU neighbours. Germany grew by just 0.1 per cent and is forecast to grow just 0.3 per cent in 2013. We have had double their whole year's growth in just three months.

France, who are pursuing the very policies Labour suggest the UK should switch to, are experiencing economic collapse. Their economy is contracting and they have record unemployment. It shows that we took the right decisions.

I am often asked by fellow local residents about what life as an MP is like. Yes there is the legislation and having to be on hand to help residents in need - both of which form a core part of what I was elected to do. But to this I add a third important role; being a cheerleader for Dudley and the Black Country.

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## NEWS

## Chance meeting for diamond couple



Doreen and Ken Price who met while out with friends, mark their anniversary



The couple on their wedding day

A COUPLE who met by chance outside a well-known Black Country landmark are celebrating 60 years of married bliss.

Ken and Doreen Price were both out with friends for a walk when they got chatting outside Sedgley's Clifton Cinema in the town centre. They courted for five years before tying the knot on July 18, 1953. The couple celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary with family at the Bell at Belbroughton pub.

Doreen was born in Sedgley and raised in nearby Coseley while Ken was born and bred in his house in North Oval, Upper Gornal. The couple still live in Mr Price's family

home. Mr Price, who attended Tutor County Primary School, worked for the MEB for more than 25 years.

His wife had been a pupil at Queen Victoria Primary School before working at various places including Nicholls Nursery, Gorge Road, Sedgley. They were married at St Peter's Church, in Upper Gornal, before having the reception at the Guild Hall in Upper Gornal.

The couple have two daughters Elaine and Jeanette, four grandchildren and a great grandson called Dexter aged two. "It has been nice to celebrate the anniversary with our family," Mrs Price said.

## Site cleared for £6m hotel

A FORMER factory has been flattened to make way for a £6 million hotel and restaurant aimed at boosting tourism in Stourbridge.

Demolition work is taking place at the former Cox Hire premises in Birmingham Street. Buildings on the four-acre site – used for many years by the firm before it relocated to Netherton – have been reduced to rubble.

Contractors from DSM Demolition, which recently pulled down the Bell Street multi-storey car park to make way for the new Tesco supermarket,

have been working on site. Once it has been cleared, construction work will start on the 80-bedroom Premier Inn and Brewers Fayre restaurant. It is due to be completed by spring 2014.

The scheme is a joint venture between Barberry Developments, Whitbread Hotels and Restaurants and Cox Hire Ltd. Barberry managing director Jon Bellfield said the site was an ideal location for a scheme of this kind.

"It is well-positioned for people to explore the Black Country and the surrounding countryside," he said.

"The scheme will create new jobs,

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Spokesman for Whitbread Hotels and Restaurants John Bates said: "The new hotel in Stourbridge complements others we are soon to open in nearby areas, including Dudley. We are looking forward to opening our doors to customers in spring 2014."

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## NEWS

# Drive-ban beauty queen Ruby calls for new laws

## Legion gets life-saving gear



First Responder Emily Bennett and Legion chairman George Dudley

LIFE-SAVING equipment has been donated to a Dudley community.

A defibrillator has been installed at the Royal British Legion building, in Summerhill, Kingswinford, for use by residents in an emergency.

An open day was held there recently and visitors were given the chance to learn life-saving techniques.

The defibrillator has been donated by West Midlands Ambulance Service and South Staffordshire First Responders.

It is located in a yellow box at the front of the building. People who need to use the equipment in an emergency first call 999. They are then given the code to unlock the

box. Emily Bennett, aged 26, from Kingswinford, who is both a first responder and a member of the legion, said: "I approached the club to see if they would be interested in housing the defibrillator."

"They were really pleased to do so. There have been incidents in the past where someone has gone into cardiac arrest while in the town."

"The legion building is the perfect location as everyone knows where it is."

Retired firefighter and chairman of Kingswinford Royal British Legion George Dudley, 74, said: "This is not only an asset to the club but the community as a whole."

BEAUTY queen Ruby Bowater is calling for new laws banning motorists from drinking any alcohol before getting behind the wheel - after she was caught drink-driving.

Eighteen-year-old Miss Bowater, the current Miss West Midlands, has been banned from driving for a year and fined £110 by Dudley magistrates after admitting being over the limit. She claims she had drunk just one Southern Comfort and coke all night but her reading was still 110mg alcohol in 100ml of blood - the legal limit is 80mg.

And she said a zero limit was the only way to avoid the confusion which landed her in court, where she was also ordered to pay £85 costs and a £20 victim surcharge.

Miss Bowater, of Weavers Rise, Netherton, whose great uncle was killed in an accident with a driver under the influence of alcohol, said: "I was really shocked when I found I was over the limit - I couldn't believe it."

"People who know me know that I am not a big drinker - I do a lot of charity work and, as a beauty queen, I am a role model and I don't get out and get off my face."

"I had just one Southern Comfort and it was more than five hours later when the police stopped me."

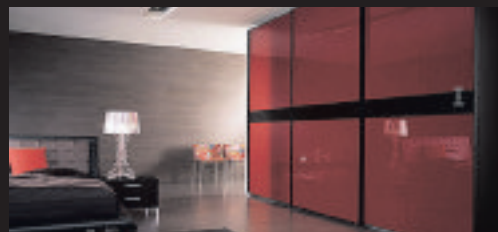
"The law should be changed so that one drink is too much," said the former Halesowen College student, who passed her driving test less than six months ago.

"There should be zero tolerance," she added.



Ruby Bowater

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**NEWS FEATURE****Flying the flag to show best of our bostin' Black Country**

by Daniel Wainwright

FROM the Newcomen Engine to Lez Zeppelin, from faggots and peas to the unmistakable taste of orange, battered chips – the Black Country has plenty to shout loudly and proudly about.

But a single flag flying from a government office in London was the only mark of a day to celebrate all that is good about it.

Now an MP wants to make Black Country Day an annual event that shares pride in industry, culture and heritage.

Tom Watson is canvassing opinions from politicians and residents across the four boroughs of the Black Country about what should be included if the day becomes a fixture in the calendar.

**Competition**

It comes after the Department of Communities and Local Government marked Black Country Day by raising a specially-designed banner on the anniversary of the invention of the Newcomen steam engine on July 14, which has pride of place at the Black Country Living Museum.

The banner depicts a chain link on a black, white and red background and was designed last year as part of a competition.

The winning entry was by Gracie Sheppard, of Redhill Primary School, in Stourbridge and recalls the famous description of the Black Country by Elihu Burritt that it was 'black by day and red by night' owing to the smoke and fires of industry.

But other than that all and even the Black Country Society, which supported the creation of the flag admits it passed its members by as did the



Ann Key, in period costume, with the new Black Country Flag

Black Country Living Museum. Mr Watson wants to emulate the annual Yorkshire Day held on August 1 when towns across the northern county come together to hold events.

The MP for West Bromwich East said: "Yorkshire Day has been celebrated since 1975 and I think we should replicate it in the Black Country."

"We should celebrate all the things that are good about the Black Country and bring the towns and city of the sub region together."

He added that politicians and civil servants in London often had little



Ray Franklin seen with the Newcomen Engine



A traditional chainmaking lesson taking place

knowledge of the Black Country: "When I was a minister I was amazed how few civil servants knew that if you wanted to go to West Bromwich you get a train to Sandwell and Dudley, rather than Birmingham."

Mick Pearson, who edits the Black Countryman magazine for the Black Country Society, said: "I knew about the flag being flown but I must admit the day got lost or forgotten."

"We've missed the boat for this year but I think it should be on the calendar and we should do something about it."

Andrew Lovett, director and chief executive, Black Country Living Museum, said: "It was the day's first outing this year, after last year's 300th anniversary of the Newcomen Engine, and we'll do more next year at the museum."

• Anyone with ideas on how to develop a proper Black Country Day can email Mr Watson at [watson@parliament.uk](mailto:watson@parliament.uk) or contact him on Twitter @tom\_watson. He can also be reached by post at Tom Watson MP, Terry Duffy House, Thomas Street, West Bromwich, B70 6NT.

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## CLUB NEWS

### Art class in trip to gardens

#### WOLLASTON 'E' TWG

NO official business was discussed at the July meeting as it was the annual strawberry tea to which chairman Jean Latham welcomed approximately 50 members.

Everyone agreed it was a grand 'do' and thanks go to Sainsbury's for the donation towards the cost of the food, also to members of the committee for all the preparation work.

This was followed by a fiercely fought game of beetle, won by the Marion Breeze team. There was a huge raffle and numerous members left with prizes.

Thirteen floral art class members went by minibus to Hampton Court Castle Gardens, Leominster, where they enjoyed a lovely day, taking lunch and afternoon tea in glorious sunshine.

The bowling section are well into the season and are now beginning the quarter finals of the competition.

Monies collected from the Macmillan Walk amounted to £203 and thanks go to all who contributed and to Jean Dunne who organised the apres walk meal.

The cost for the Harvest Supper on October is £9.50. Names for the skittles evening on October 16 are also being taken.

On September 10, Adrienne Jennett will speak on the West Midlands Fire Service, the competition being a Fire Service related item.

## MP invited to club's three-course dinner



Ann Rogers, speaker Patrick Harley, chairman Mary Jones and Chris. Kelly MP

AT the July meeting chairman Mary Jones welcomed 36 members, speaker Patrick Harley and Dudley South MP Chris Kelly for a three-course lunch at the Kingfisher Hotel, Wall Heath.

Mr Harley was excellent and described the remarkable life of Frank Sinatra.

The Kingfisher Hotel is undergoing major refurbishment and both the improvements and the meal proved very popular. There is

#### DUDLEY SOUTH LADIES LUNCHEON CLUB

no luncheon in August but members are invited to Ann & Mike Rogers' home for a coffee morning on August 9 from 10.30am.

September's speaker is Sue Clegg on the fingerprinting and in October the Rev Stephen Buckley on 'From Stage to Pulpit'.

## Judges address meeting

#### BLACK COUNTRY FUCHSIA SOCIETY

THE Black Country Fuchsia Society's monthly meeting took place on Tuesday July 30.

Special guests were two judges, Nancy and Arthur Phillips. They were also judging at the club's annual

show last Saturday, August 3 at Pool Hayes Community School in castle Drive, Willehall.

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## NEWS

# Residents determined to prove value of home



New Bradley Hall residents and their carers are seen at work in the home's garden, attending to the flowers

**CAMPAIGNERS** fighting to save a threatened care home in Dudley organised a gardening event for residents as part of their bid to prove its worth to council bosses.

The future of New Bradley Hall, Kingswinford is being reviewed by Dudley Council as part of a wider examination of adult social care in the borough.

The council had back-tracked on plans to close the home in Compton Drive last April – but no long-term commitment has been made for the site, which has just over 20 elderly residents.

An action group led by Mac Scott

MBE has been lobbying new adult social care boss at the council, Councillor Dave Branwood, to keep the home open.

Last week, Mr Scott arranged a gardening event for the residents to show the benefits the care home was providing its users.

## Craftwork

The home also provides activities such as shopping, music, craftwork and outdoor visits.

Mr Scott said: "I want to prove to the council the home is not just somewhere people are put to let them die – they are given fun and enjoyment and no-one wants to leave."

"Many of the residents have lived there for more than 10 years. They

don't want change, they want to stay put with their friends and the carers they trust."

"We hope to keep reminding the council of this, of course we are still concerned they have not committed long-term." Mr Scott's mother-in-law Irene Claridge, aged 96, is cared for at the home.

She was among 5,000 who signed a petition to save the home when its closure was first proposed. He said: "This is a wonderful Dudley Council-owned care home and the residents are extremely happy and contented living there."

Mr Scott has been told to wait until the end of the summer to hear the result of the council's review into adult social care in the borough.

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## MEMORY LANE



Dudley Hippodrome, which was opened in 1938 on the site of the Opera House



Some years later, the Hippodrome in 1970, 12 years after it became a bingo hall



Babes in the Wood at Dudley Hippodrome in 1943, with Billy Russell on the right



Inspecting the damage of the burnt-out Dudley Opera House in 1936

# Hippodrome was a magnet for a long list of top stars

by Professor Carl Chinn

**THE opening of the elegant Dudley Opera House on Monday, September 4, 1899 was a spectacular event for the town.**

Honoured guests included the Earl and Countess of Dudley, the mayor, and members of the town council.

They were joined by 'a large and fashionable audience' who tested the holding capacity of this 'handsome building, occupying a commanding position'.

Designed in the Italian Renaissance style, it was made of red brick with terracotta dressings, while its stage was of such height, width and depth that 'it will allow of the most elaborate scenic effects'.

That evening it was brought alive with a performance of *The Mikado* by the D'Oyly Carte Repertory Company, admirably supported by Dudley's orchestra.

It must have been a most proud night for John Maurice Clement, the man whose energy and enthusiasm had pushed forward this project on land he had purchased from the Earl of Dudley. Born in the town, Clement had once worked at the Earl's estate office, but he was always drawn to theatre.

From involvement in amateur dramatics he became a theatrical agent and in 1888 he opened his first theatre, *The Colosseum* in Trindle Road. This had been

a circus but it became the home of drama in Dudley until the Opera House was finished.

Like most owners of similar theatres Clement was unable to get by with productions of operas and Shakespearean plays. He had to widen the appeal with more popular plays and even variety shows. Dudley Opera House continued in this vein until 1936 when it closed after it was damaged badly by fire. The site was then bought by the Kennedy brothers who built the Hippodrome theatre and the Plaza cinema next door.

## Streamlined

A splendid Art Deco building, the Hippodrome was designed by Archibald Hurling Robinson, a Birmingham architect who was well-known for his Art Deco cinemas. This connection explains why from the outside the Hippodrome looked like a super-cinema with its streamlined facade. Inside, there were also Art Deco decorations.

The Hippodrome held 1,700 people and was one of the biggest and best-known venues across the Midlands. There were full houses as top artists and comedians appeared. Laurel and Hardy performed there, as did Bob Hope – and when he did so, crowds packed the

approach roads in the hope of getting a glimpse of the American star. Variety, plays and musical comedy also drew sizeable audiences, while the D'Oyly Carte Company with operettas by Gilbert and Sullivan was popular, as were spectacular ice shows and celebrated pantomimes. But the theatrical heyday was brought to an end by the rise of television, and the Hippodrome closed as a live venue in February 1964.

Fortunately, it continued to be a popular venue as a bingo club from 1967. Sadly, though, this magnificent building has lain empty since 2005 and is threatened with demolition. Malcolm Palmer is one of many local people who vehemently oppose these plans; instead they want the Hippodrome to be brought back into use.

Here, Malcolm shares with us some of his memories of that iconic structure:

"I first started going to the Hippodrome in the latter part of the 1940s with either my parents or my aunt and uncle. The pantomimes were always special and a great attraction to youngsters like myself. Early recollections included seeing Billy Russell in pantomime."

"Russell was Birmingham-born and in the latter part of his life had regular appearances in Crossroads."

Malcolm was instrumental in starting the Friends of the Hippodrome, which is campaigning to bring the building back into full and sustainable use.

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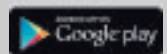


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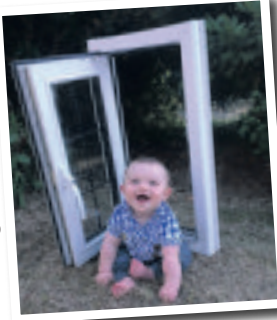
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## NEWS

# Couple will fight rules that keep them apart



Back together Robert Cooper and his wife, Adna

WHEN church pastor Robert Cooper was told his beloved wife of 13 years could not join him back in the UK because of new immigration rules, he said his life had been ripped apart.

by Louise Jew

But now after six months away from each other the pair are back in each other's arms and temporarily reunited - and have vowed to continue their fight to be together.

Mr Cooper immediately fell in love with his wife-to-be Adna, aged 35, while he was working as a missionary in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and after six months he married her at Kingswinford Christian Centre, before the pair worked and settled in the region for three years.

But after returning to the South American country for nine years to teach English at a private school and then run a church, Mr Cooper, aged 38, was told by the Borders Agency that he could not bring back his wife to the United Kingdom.

### Payslips

The is due to immigration rules introduced last July which mean only British people who show they have earned more than £18,600 a year can sponsor their non-European spouse's visa.

Mr Cooper was earning more than that but because the First Renewal Presbyterian Church is a non-profit organisation, he cannot get payslips for the application, in order to prove his earnings.

The authorities have now let Mrs Cooper return to the

Black Country for six months only on a tourist's visa while the couple appeal the original decision and make a new application to the Home Office.

They hope to win their battle by arguing the rules breach their human rights by keeping them apart.

Mr Cooper, who returned to live with his parents Robert and Katherine in Comber Drive, Pensnett, in March, said: "We are just overjoyed to be back together but there is still a long way to go so we just need to keep fighting."

He added: "It is totally unjust. We know this is only temporary but we just want to enjoy it for now."

Mr Cooper taught in Brazil before becoming a pastor. Last year he returned to set up a church in London and assumed his wife, aged 34, would follow after submitting an application for an indefinite visa for her but it was rejected.

Mr Cooper was brought up in Pensnett and attended Pensnett School. He worked for Laidler Steels before heading out on church mission for Kingswinford Christian Centre in 1999. Mrs Cooper worked at the former Kwick Save in Pear Tree Lane, Dudley.



The happy couple on their wedding day 13 years ago

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## What's On! Dudley

### Party at the Love Shack

THE American band who dazzled the 1980s pop scene with their party music and sci-fi retro 60s stylings, The B-52s, are making a rare UK appearance in Birmingham this summer.

The original trio of Fred Schneider, Kate Pierson and Cindy Wilson, who with wonderful immodesty have dubbed themselves 'the world's greatest party band', have a gig at Birmingham's O2 Academy on Thursday, August 15.

#### Survived

The band from Athens, Georgia, exploded onto the scene at the close of the 1970s with quirky surf punk number Rock Lobster and went on to have hits with Give Me Back My Man, Love Shack and Roam. Kate is also known for guest vocals on tracks by REM and Iggy Pop.

The group survived the death of guitarist Ricky Wilson, Cindy's brother, and came back in 2008 with Funplex, their first album in 16 years.

Fifth member Keith Strickland no longer tours but the crucial three will be joined by a band set to include former Duran Duran and Bowie drummer Sterling Campbell, ex-Waitresses member and bassist Tracy Wormworth and keyboardist Paul Gordon. The latter's pop trivia claim to fame is that he wrote the theme music for Transformers, Robots in Disguise.

Call the venue or visit its website for further details.

# Comic Ed enters middle rage in his roaring 40s

**CRITICALLY-acclaimed stand-up comedian Ed Byrne is embracing middle-age as he reaches his roaring 40s.**

A self-confessed 'miserable old git' since the age of 23, the Irish funnyman is urging fans to join him as he truly comes of age. While for some, this may mean the purchase of a sports car, Byrne is taking a different outlook, as he lets out his battle cry of: "I am in my 40s, hear me roar."

A regular on panel shows like Mock The Week, Byrne has previously performed at major comedy venues.

His Different Class show enjoyed a full run at the Edinburgh Fringe in 2008, following on from the success of his Standing Up Falling Down tour, which was the festival's biggest-selling comedy show in 2006.

#### Presenter

Byrne has also performed at top comedy clubs in New York and Los Angeles. He has made five appearances on NBC's Late Night With Conan O'Brien and has been a presenter on RTE's Ed Byrne's Just for Laughs, which ran for four series.

Acting credits include playing a grungy teenager in a Christmas special of Father Ted. Byrne's tour takes in three dates in the West Midlands, beginning with Dudley Concert Hall on



Embracing 40 - Ed Byrne

October 13, 01384 812812; The Symphony Hall, Birmingham, follows on October 25, call 0121 345 0600; ahead of a gig at Wolverhampton's Civic Hall on February 22, call 0870 320 7000.

## Oh, what a show as an icon returns

POP star turned theatre star Marti Pellow plays revolutionary Che Guevara, the cynical narrator in the latest revival of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's classic musical Evita.

The former singer with 1980s hitmakers Wet Wet Wet is stepping into a role previously played by David Essex and, on film, by Antonio Banderas.

The show is staged at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre from Monday, August 19, to Saturday, August 31.

Playing Eva Peron, the iconic wife of 1940s and 50s Argentine dictator Juan Peron, the role that made Elaine Paige a star and played by Madonna on screen, is Portuguese singer and actress Madalena Alberto. Her previous stage roles include playing Edith Piaf and as Fantine in the 25th anniversary production of Les Miserables.

Pellow has had successes in the musicals Chess, Chicago, Blood Brothers and Jekyll & Hyde.

Evita's famous songs include Don't Cry For Me Argentina, Oh What A Circus, You Must Love Me and Another Suitcase in Another Hall. Call 01902 429212.



Marti Pellow as Che and Madalena Alberto as Eva Peron in Evita  
Picture: Keith Pattison

### Soul legend at Bilston venue

BEN E King, the soul legend whose biggest hit, Stand By Me, has become an American classic, is in concert at Bilston's Robin 2 venue on Sunday, September 8.

And fans of soul music are in for a two-for-the-price-of-one treat as the 74-year-old singer will be joined by Jimmy James and the Vagabonds, one of the UK's favourite live bands in the 1960s.

The 72-year-old from Jamaica had hits with Red Red Wine in '68, also I'll Go Where Your Music Takes Me and Now Is The Time during the disco boom of the mid-1970s.

Meanwhile, former Drifters member King's other solo hits include Spanish Harlem, and he had previously sung on Drifters hits There Goes My Baby and Save The Last Dance For Me.

Contact the box office at the Mount Pleasant venue on 01902 401211.

### Caro in rapid return to Brum

DUTCH pop star Caro Emerald's vintage style is in much demand, as is her jazzy brand of dance pop.

In fact, second album The Shocking Miss Emerald has been such a big success that she has two Birmingham concerts in the coming months.

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Keri Russell

#### The Americans

**ITV, 9.50pm**  
If you want to make a hit American saga, you need at least one protagonist with a dark secret who's keeping their crimes under wraps. Like Dexter and Breaking Bad, that reliable formula has also worked a treat for this series. In the latest offering, Elizabeth (Keri Russell) is bent on revenge after learning of the assassination of a Soviet General whom she knew from her formative years as an agent. Phillip (Matthew Rhys) offers to help while taking a step forward in their separation. The question is: has their teamwork given the FBI a clue as to their identity?

### BBC1

**6.00** Athletics: World Championships. **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **11.15** Athletics: World Championships.  
**6.30** BBC News: Regional News; Weather.  
**6.45** **That Puppet Game Show.** New series. Family entertainment show in which two celebrities, beginning with Jonathan Ross and Katherine Jenkins, compete in a number of challenges hosted by a group of puppets.  
**7.30** **I Love My Country.** Melanie C, Chelsea Healey, Jonnie Peacock, Christine Bleakley, Larry Lamb and Len Goodman demonstrate their knowledge of all things British.  
**8.20** **The National Lottery: Break the Safe.** Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which three pairs compete in several quiz rounds. Includes the National Lottery results, presented by Matt Johnson.  
**9.10** **Casualty.** Part one of two. New nurse Rita is late for her first shift when she deals with an injured neighbour, while Jamie bonds with an asylum seeker too scared to reveal he is gay.  
**10.00** **Mrs Brown's Boys.** Newlyweds Dermot and Maria argue. (R)  
**10.30** BBC News: Weather; National Lottery Update.  
**10.50** **Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow.** Featuring Jason Manford, John Bishop, Sarah Millican and Mick Ferry. (R)  
**11.35** **The Football League Show.**  
**12.50** Weatherview. **12.55** BBC News.

### BBC2

**6.00** This Is BBC Two. **6.30** Film: China Sky. (1945) **7.45** Film: Pot O' Gold. (1941) **9.10** Reel History of Britain. (R) **9.40** The Private Life of Plants. (R) **10.30** Athletics: World Championships. **11.15** University Challenge. (R) **11.45** The Sky at Night. (R) **12.05** Film: Cane Her Name with Pride. (1958) **2.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.30** Exploring China: A Culinary Adventure. (R) **3.30** Wild China. (R) **4.30** Final Score. **5.15** Flog It! (R)  
**6.00** **Natural World - Sri Lanka: Elephant Island.** Wildlife cameraman Martyn Colbeck travels to the diverse country to study its elephants, a subspecies of the Asian genus which have their own unique characteristics. (R)  
**7.00** **Proms Extra 2013.** Including a review of Mitsuko Uchida's performance of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 4.  
**7.40** **Dad's Army.** Mainwaring tries to get equipment for the platoon. (R)  
**8.10** **David Starkey's Music & Monarchy.** The historian examines the Crown's rediscovery of the power of pageantry and ceremony and the revival of British music in the 19th and 20th centuries. Last in the series.  
**9.10** **Top of the Lake.** Robin suspects one of Tui's friends is stealing food for her and could be the baby's father, while Matt Mitcham sends a posse of hunters into the Bush to find his daughter.  
**10.10** **Qi XL.** With Nina Conti, Sean Lock and Bill Bailey. (R)  
**10.55** Film: Hamlet 2. (2008) Comedy, with Steve Coogan.  
**12.20** Film: Tsotsi. (2005) **1.50** This Is BBC Two.

### ITV

**6.00** CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.15** Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.25** Poppy Cat. **6.40** Poppy Cat. **6.50** Animals. (R) **7.00** Animals. (R) **7.10** Bookaboo. (R) **7.20** Kick Butowski - Suburban Daredevil. **7.35** The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes! **8.00** Gravity Falls. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Dinner Date. (R) **9.25** Saturday Cookbook. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** Saturday Farm. **12.20** Countrywise. (R) **12.35** ITV News; Weather. **12.40** All Star Mr & Mrs. (R) **1.45** Film: Smokey and the Bandit. (1977) **3.30** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.30** Regional Programme: Weather. **5.45** ITV News; Weather.  
**6.00** **You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring performing tots and a countdown of five teenagers in pain. (R)  
**6.30** **You've Been Framed!** Featuring fun in the sun. (R)  
**7.00** **Film: Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire.** (2005) The teenage wizard is chosen to represent Hogwarts School in a dangerous magical tournament. Fantasy, starring Daniel Radcliffe.  
**9.50** **The Americans.** When a fellow KGB officer is assassinated, Elizabeth takes matters into her own hands and plots revenge on the CIA bureaucrat responsible for giving the kill order.  
**10.45** ITV News; Weather.  
**11.00** Film: Public Enemies. (2009) Fact-based crime drama, starring Johnny Depp and Christian Bale.  
**1.30** Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

### CHANNEL 4

**6.10** The Treacle People. (R) **6.20** The Hoobs. (R) **6.45** VW Racing Cup. **7.10** The Grid. **7.40** FIM Superbike World Championship. **8.10** The Morning Line. **9.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.10** Frasier. (R) **10.40** Frasier. (R) **11.10** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.40** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.10** The Simpsons. (R) **12.45** Undercover Boss Canada. (R) **1.45** Channel 4 Racing. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)  
**6.10** **Come Dine with Me.** Admin worker Jessica Carroll hosts the final party in Lincolnshire. Despite a lack of culinary knowledge, she hopes her Chinese meal and unusual pet will impress the guests. (R)  
**6.40** **Channel 4 News.**  
**7.00** **Grand Designs.** Kevin McCulloch catches up with architectural designer Lincoln Miles and his wife, artist Lisa Tisdale, who transformed a 1970s bungalow on the Isle of Wight. (R)  
**8.00** **Film: Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen.** (2009) The shape-changing robots fight for control of a hidden base on Earth with the power to destroy planets. Sci-fi adventure sequel, with Shia LaBeouf and Megan Fox.  
**10.50** Film: Braveheart. (1995) Oscar-winning historical epic, directed by and starring Mel Gibson.  
**2.05** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.05** Deal or No Deal: Deafest. (R) **5.00** Countdown. (R) **5.45** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

### CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.15** Power Rangers: Megaforce. **10.50** Sluggers. **11.10** Inside Hollywood. **11.15** Big Brother: Live Eviction. (R) **12.45** World's Busiest Train Station. (R) **1.45** Film: Hell Boats. (1970) **3.40** Film: Columbo: A Bird in the Hand. (1992) **5.30** Film: Jesse Stone: Innocents Lost. (2011)  
**7.00** **Cricket: The Ashes.** England v Australia. Mark Nicholas presents action from the second day of the Fourth Test at the Emirates Durham International Cricket Ground, where the five-match series continued.  
**8.00** **NCIS.** The murder of a marine during a cruise is investigated by the agents, who discover the victim had turned his back on a life of privilege to join the military. (R)  
**8.55** **NCIS.** A Navy recruitment officer is murdered at a high school and the agents receive help from Ducky's predecessor in their search for the killer. (R)  
**9.50** **5 News Weekend.**  
**10.00** **Big Brother.** Highlights of another 24 hours in the Big Brother house, including coverage of the latest eviction as seen from the point of view of the contestants.  
**11.00** **Big Brother's Bit on the Psych.** Psychological analysis of the housemates' behaviour.  
**12.00** SuperCasino. **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.25** Wake It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

### DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** The Premier League's Most Amazing Moments **9.00** The Urban Prom 2013 **10.30** Russell Howard's Good News **11.00** Family Guy  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Nature's Microworlds **7.30** Eisteddfod 2013 with Sian Williams **8.00** Inside the Perfect Predator **9.00** Sebastian Bergman **10.30** Top of the Pops 1977: Big Hits **11.30** Blondie: One Way or Another  
**ITV2**  
**3.05** Film: A Cinderella Story (2004) **4.55** Film: Step Up (2006) **7.00** You've Been Framed! **9.00** Film: The Bourne Identity (2002) **11.20** Film: Hannibal (2001)  
**ITV3**  
**3.00** Film: Pride and Prejudice (2005) **5.35** Agatha Christie's Poirot **6.45** Foyle's War **9.00** Lewis **11.00** Wire in the Blood  
**ITV4**  
**3.40** British Touring Car Championship **5.15** Live Pre-Season Football: Tottenham Hotspur v Espanyol (Kick-off 5.30pm). Coverage of the fixture at White Hart Lane, where Spurs play their final match before the start of the Premier League season. **7.50** World of Sport: Petrol Heads **8.05** Black Gold **9.00** Hell on Wheels **10.00** Film: Natural Born Killers (1994)  
**E4**  
**5.30** The Mindy Project **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Suburgatory **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** Happy Endings **9.00** Film: He's Not That Into You (2009) **11.30** PhoneShop  
**Film4**  
**2.55** Ever After: A Cinderella Story (1995) **5.15** Arrietty (2010) **7.10** (500) Days of Summer (2009) **9.00** Road to Perdition (2002) **11.15** Sorority Row (2009)

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## SUNDAY'S TV 11.08.13

## CHOICE



Faye Marsay

The White Queen  
BBC1, 9pm

It's a testament to this period drama that we're still gripped, even though you don't need to be an amateur historian to know what's going to happen to some of characters. So, we can all nod knowingly this week, as the new king is feeling a bit jumpy about his enemies. His way of dealing with the threat is to honour those he knows are loyal to him, but his wife has a different approach as she talks to Brackenbury in secret. Meanwhile, Elizabeth is so desperate for allies, she even accepts an offer of help from Margaret Beaufort, despite her daughter's warnings.

## BBC1

**6.00** Athletics: World Championships. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. (R) **12.10** The One Show: Best of Britain. (R) **12.40** Countryfile. (R) **1.35** Bargain Hunt. **2.05** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.55** Songs of Praise. **3.30** Athletics: World Championships. **7.05** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **7.30** **Celebrity Mastermind**. Famous faces take to the black chair in the specialist and general knowledge quiz. (R) **8.00** **Countryfile**. John Craven is in Northumberland, where he goes in search of the elusive white-beaked dolphin and visits a Bronze Age burial site. Tom Heap investigates GM technology. **9.00** **The White Queen**. Anne worries that Elizabeth is still a threat and plots to kill the princes in the tower, so the former queen is forced to accept Margaret Beaufort's offer of help. **10.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **10.25** **Room 101 - Extra Storage**. Frank Skinner chats to Greg Davies, Ben Fogle and Janet Street-Porter about their pet hates, which include people who use suitcases on wheels, multichannel TV and friends' hobbies. (R) **11.05** **The Puppet Game Show**. Family entertainment show. (R) **11.45** **Film: Win a Date with Tad Hamilton!** (2004) Romantic comedy, starring Kate Bosworth, Tophere Grace and Josh Duhamel. **1.15** Weatherview. **1.20** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00** This Is BBC Two. **6.15** **Film: Angel on My Shoulder**. (1948) **8.00** Around the World in 80 Days. (R) **9.00** **Gardeners' World**. (R) **9.30** **The Beechgrove Garden**. **10.00** **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites**. **11.30** Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well. (R) **12.00** **Coast**. **12.10** **EastEnders**. **2.05** **Film: Hans Christian Andersen**. (1952) **3.55** The Making of King Arthur. **4.55** **Film: First Knight**. (1995) **7.00** **The Battle for Malta**. Historian James Holland analyses the Second World War battle for the strategically important Mediterranean island, which was under siege by Axis forces for more than two years. (R) **8.00** **Dragons' Den**. New series. Interior designer Kelly Hoppen and cloud-computing pioneer Piers Linney join Peter Jones, Deborah Meaden and Duncan Bannatyne to evaluate a series of business pitches. **9.00** **The Haiky Bikers' Restoration Road Trip**. New series. Si King and Dave Myers meet enthusiasts restoring machinery from the Industrial Revolution, beginning with a visit to Pleasley Colliery in Derbyshire. **10.00** **Blackadder the Third**. Edmund gets caught up in the French Revolution. (R) **10.30** **Numb: Simon Amstell Live at the BBC**. The comedian performs his stand-up show at the Television Centre. **11.30** **Film: The Visitor**. (2007) Drama, with Danai Gurira. **1.10** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.05** **Holly City**. (R) **3.05** This Is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.15** Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.25** Poppy Cat. (R) **6.40** Poppy Cat. (R) **6.50** Animals. (R) **7.00** Animals. (R) **7.10** Bookaboo. (R) **7.20** Kick Buttowski - Suburban Daredevil. **7.35** The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes! **8.00** Sonny with a Chance. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Country House Sunday. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News; Weather. **11.30** Ade in Britain. (R) **12.30** Love Your Garden. (R) **1.30** The Community Shield Live. **4.15** **Film: The Mummy**. (1999) **6.30** **Regional Programme**; Weather. **6.45** **ITV News**; Weather. **7.00** **Tipping Point: Lucky Stars**. Coronation Street star Sue Cleaver (Eileen Grimshaw), This Morning's Matt Johnson and Olympic rowing gold medalist Anna Watkins take part in the quiz show. Ben Shepherd hosts. **8.00** **All Star Mr & Mrs**. With Coronation Street's Jane Danson and former co-star Robert Beck, 1980s Doctor Who Colin Baker and his wife, and presenter Michaela Strachan with her partner. Last in the series. **9.00** **Law & Order: UK**. An elderly woman is found dead in her flat. **10.00** **ITV News**; Weather. **10.15** **The Community Shield Highlights**. Manchester United v Wigan Athletic. **11.15** **Perspectives: Hugh Laurie - Down by the River**. (R) **12.15** The Store. **2.15** Monk. (R) **3.45** Motorsport UK. **4.35** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

## CHANNEL 4

**6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** Ironman 2013. **7.00** London Triathlon. **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.50** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** Deal or No Deal. **3.00** **Film: Bride Wars**. (2009) Comedy, starring Kate Hudson and Anne Hathaway. **4.45** **Film: Leap Year**. (2010) Premier. Romantic comedy, starring Amy Adams and Matthew Goode. **6.40** **Channel 4 News**. **7.00** **Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free**. Kirstie Allsopp and the team fill a family home with some sturdy and stylish pieces, and transform a couple's bedroom, complete with a bespoke dressing table - all for free. (R) **8.00** **The Mill**. Robert arranges to relocate Susannah after finding out who the father of her child is, while Lucy discovers her sister never returned to the workplace. **9.00** **Southcliffe**. Claire struggles to accept her daughter's death, Paul tries to compensate for the bad husband and father he has been, and David's secret about Morton begins to take hold of him. **10.00** **Film: The Number 23**. (2007) Premier. A man develops a deadly fixation with the number 23 after reading a novel with startling similarities to his own life. Thriller, starring Jim Carrey and Virginia Madsen. **12.00** **Film: Vanilla Sky**. (2001) **2.15** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) **3.10** Secret Eaters. (R) **4.05** Deal or No Deal: Deafest. (R) **5.00** Countdown. (R) **5.45** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Subbie Guppies. (R) **6.35** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.20** Castle Farm. (R) **7.25** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.50** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.40** Mio Mio. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Jelly Jamm. **10.00** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **10.10** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.40** Sluggers. **11.05** Highland Emergency. (R) **11.35** Big Brother. (R) **12.30** BB BOTS: Ryan's Supersized Celebrity Sunday. **1.30** The Hotel Inspector Returns. (R) **2.30** **Film: An American Tail: Fievel Goes West**. (1991) **4.00** **Film: Tinker Bell**. (2008) **5.30** **Film: Open Season 2**. (2008) **6.55** **5.55** **News Weekend**. **7.00** **Crickets: The Ashes**. England v Australia. **8.00** **Once Upon a Time**. Neal's fiancée Tamara reveals her true colours. **9.00** **Big Brother**. Daily round-up of highlights. **10.00** **Film: Shoot 'Em Up**. (2007) Action adventure, starring Clive Owen. **11.45** **Film: The Detonator**. (2006) **1.25** SuperCasino. **4.00** **Wildlife SOS**. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three** **7.00** Shoplife **8.00** Great Movie Mistakes 2: The Sequel **8.15** **Film: Shanghai Noon** (2000) **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** Badtuts **11.15** American Dad! **BBC Four** **7.00** The Wonder of Weeds **8.00** Edinburgh Festival: A Review Show **Special 9.00** Seven Ages of Starlight **10.30** Natural World: Polar Bears and Grizzlies - Bears on Top of the World **11.20** Alan Whicker's Journey of a Lifetime **ITV2** **3.10** **Film: What a Girl Wants** (2003) **5.10** **Film: Step Up 2: The Streets** (2008) **7.15** **Film: Johnny English** (2003) **9.00** **Film: Troy** (2004) Epic adventure, starring Brad Pitt. **ITV3** **2.55** Lewis **6.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** **Film: Something's Gotta Give** (2003) **11.40** A Touch of Frost **ITV4** **3.55** **Film: Flash Gordon** (1980) **6.10** **Film: Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol** (1987) **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union Sevens **9.00** **Fraud Squad** **10.00** **Film: Raging Bull** (1980) **E4** **3.30** How I Met Your Mother **5.30** The Mindy Project **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** New Girl **8.00** **Film: 27 Dresses** (2008). Romantic comedy, starring Katherine Heigl and James Marsden. **10.10** The Inbetweeners **10.40** Skins: Rise - Part Two **11.40** Don't Trust the B- in Apartment 23 **Film 4** **3.10** The Towering Inferno (1974) **6.20** Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (2010) **9.00** Die Hard 4.0 (2007) **11.30** House of Flying Daggers (2004)

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Under the watchful eye of dentist Steven Burchell DipCDT RCS(Eng), founder of the Denture Clinic, based in North Street, hi-spec prescriptions are helping turn back the hands of time.

Recently, the practice has undergone a major refurbishment, with three disciplines - general dentistry (North Street Dental), implantology (Total Implant Solutions) and the prescribing and manufacturing of dentures (Denture Clinic) all under one roof.

Key to a £1m investment are two new ground-floor surgeries, an level main entrance at the rear, disabled-friendly facilities and a large car park with a drop-off point right outside the reception area. A champion for those who wear dentures, Steven has spent more than ten years campaigning to "break the taboo over false teeth." He is evangelical about what new generation dentures can achieve.

"Dentures have traditionally never been associated with cosmetic

makeovers, but our high-quality prosthetics have quite literally taken years off some of our patients," he said.

"People have come to us with ill-fitting dentures, sunken cheeks and pinched lips and we have been privileged to transform their looks. Can dentures be glamorous? Empirically, yes.

"We are on the cusp of development, so that those who entrust their smile to us can be sure they will be advised on best options."

Steven's work has attracted people from all walks of life, including a former SAS mountain warfare specialist, an airline pilot, a multi-millionaire with his own jet, health professionals and "ordinary

salt-of-the-earth people from the Black Country." The clinic's prosthetics, hand-crafted at laboratories at the Dudley and Wolverhampton practices, have also found satisfied patients from as far away as Spain and Portugal. And the secret of his success? A seamless service to clients, where clinical assessment and the crafting of prescriptions are all in-house.

"It's a simple formula," said Steven, "but it has allowed me to be fastidious about the quality and we will never compromise on best clinical outcomes."

He admitted that denture wearers are one of the most challenging groups to treat successfully.

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Steven draws on more than 30 years' experience in all disciplines of dental technology to produce his hallmark "functional, natural-looking teeth."

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Graduating with honours, Steven undertook a further year's study under the auspices of The Royal College of Surgeons.

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## What's On!

### Film Choices

#### MONDAY

##### A Time to Remember, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A middle-aged single mother returns under a cloud to the family home for Thanksgiving, where she tries to heal the fractured relationship between herself and her estranged mother. However, any possible reconciliation is threatened by an unexpected and dramatic development. Drama, starring Dana Delany, Doris Roberts, Megan Gallagher and Louise Fletcher. (2003)

#### TUESDAY

##### Murder Among Friends, Channel 5, 3.10pm

A would-be actress resolves to prove her friend is innocent of murdering his own father for an inheritance. She enlists the aid of a washed-up private eye whose career has been destroyed by a lawsuit. Detective thriller, starring Greg Evigan. (2001)

#### WEDNESDAY

##### Class, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A wealthy law student has to complete a public service course to finish his degree, so he reluctantly accepts the task of representing a working-class single mother who is struggling to support her sick child. At first the lawyer and client distrust each other, but a close connection ultimately develops. Romantic drama, starring Jodi Lyn O'Keefe and Eric Roberts. (2010)

##### A Lot Like Love, BBC1, 11.35pm

Two bored travellers instantly bond, but their fledgling relationship suffers too many setbacks. They agree to split up, but their plans to separate are foiled by a series of unexpected reunions as fate repeatedly throws them back together. Romantic comedy, starring Ashton Kutcher, Amanda Peet and Aimee Garcia. (2005)

#### THURSDAY

##### Proof, BBC1, 11.35pm

A woman mourns the death of her father, a brilliant professor whose genius deteriorated as he succumbed to dementia. Afraid of sharing his fate, she shies away from human contact – until one of his former students uncovers an unknown mathematical theorem that will have ramifications for both their futures. Drama, with Gwyneth Paltrow and Anthony Hopkins. (2005)



DOA: Dead or Alive, Friday, ITV, 10.35pm

#### FRIDAY

##### DOA: Dead or Alive, ITV, 10.35pm

Three female martial arts experts – a jewel thief, a wrestler and a ninja princess – are invited to compete in a secret fighting tournament. But when the rivals realise the mastermind behind the tournament has sinister plans for them, they have to work together to survive. Action adventure, based on the videogame series of the same name, with Jaime Pressly, Devon Aoki and Holly Valance. (2006)

### Pick of the Week

## David hopes his new role is a class apart

When he's not swimming for charity, scooping out variety acts on Britain's Got Talent, or writing children's books, David Walliams is a brilliant comedy actor.

Despite the fact he's not done anything comedic on our screens for a while, his CV is crammed with classic moments, characters and catchphrases.

And Walliams makes a welcome return to our screens tonight, albeit without Little Britain sidekick Matt Lucas, disappointingly, in this new six-part sitcom.

Despite many of us stating our happiest and most amusing days were those we spent at school, the classroom has been a relatively untapped resource of material for comedy writers until recent years.

However, following the runaway success of The Inbetweeners and the promise of the Jack Whitehall vehicle Bad Education in recent years, the Beeb have commissioned another classroom comedy.

Just like the latter, Big School is set in and around a dysfunctional staff room, and also like Bad Education,

there is a story of unrequited love between two of the teachers at the centre.

Walliams explains: "I wanted to do something a bit like Remains Of The Day – the story of these two servants who were in love with each other but they can't quite express it."

"I was thinking what could be the modern take on that? I thought well a school's quite a good environment because you don't get any privacy at school."

"There's always corridors teaming with kids, staff rooms, dining rooms, whatever. So I thought that could be a rather good setting and I thought it's a universal experience that 99 per cent of us went to school, or have got kids at school."

Walliams plays 40-something Deputy Head of Chemistry Mr Church, who is about to resign from Greybridge following a particularly dramatic experiment with liquid nitrogen and 1000 ping pong balls. But the arrival of new French teacher Miss Postern changes his mind.

"They're quite suited to each other in some ways that you think well who

else is going to have you," says Catherine Tate, who plays Miss Postern.

"The seed is planted at the beginning for Mr Church. He's quite taken with her and of course she's quite flattered that someone could go to such lengths."

"It's nice that throughout the series he makes quite grand gestures that of course all fall completely flat on their face. But everyone likes a grand gesture."

Although some of the characters may appear clichéd, the top-notch cast makes the staff of Big School a bit more believable and funny than the aforementioned Bad Education. One of these is Iohario PE teacher Mr Gunn (Philip Glenister) who makes no secret of wanting to "plough" the new member of staff, prompting Mr Church to take advice from a pupil on how to succeed with women in tonight's opening episode.

However, Mr Church's phone doesn't send picture messages, so he can't follow Manyou's first suggestion, so that just leaves the option of offering Miss Postern a lift home.



David Walliams stars in Big School, Friday, BBC1, 9pm

### Best of the Rest

#### MONDAY

##### My Cyberstalking Hell: Liz McClarnon, Channel 5, 10pm

Liz McClarnon rose to fame in girl group Atomic Kitten, and she's enjoying the limelight a second time round since reuniting with her fellow bandmates for The Big Reunion. Of course we've seen her ever-smiley face pop up in TV presenting slots over the years as well, but this one-off programme tells of how often Liz's smile may have been painted on – because behind it all, she was suffering at the hands of a stalker. So after feeling so threatened for her safety, she's on a mission to raise awareness of how serious stalking can be. She trawls through some of the messages she received which ranged from cheeky, to threatening sexual assault, before she meets other people who have had similar experiences.

#### TUESDAY

##### On the Run, ITV, 9pm

The next hour of viewing isn't going to be the most light-hearted you've ever seen, but it's certainly interesting, and nothing like anything else on the box at the moment. The one-off documentary follows a manhunt trying to track down three wanted criminals – yep, they're on the run – so they can be brought to justice. Presented by Mark Williams-Thomas and Natasha Kaplinsky, we get a rare insight into how their undercover team trace and with the help of the police, apprehend those on the run from the law. Of these three wanted men, one is a sex offender, one a violent fugitive and the other a burglar and car thief, but surely they won't be running for long...

##### You're Killing My Son: The Mum Who Went on the Run, Channel 4, 9pm

In 2012, seven-year-old Neon Roberts was diagnosed with a brain tumour leading to doctors prescribing potentially life-saving radiotherapy treatment. Before they could go through with it, however, his mum, Sally, disappeared along with the boy – she felt that an alternative therapy was the best option and was willing to go to extreme lengths to do what she felt was in Neon's best interests. This documentary, shown as part of the Cutting Edge strand, tells the remarkable story of a family at odds with one another and the medical profession; of the courts that ruled against Sally and in favour of the treatment, and of the brave lad himself, who has had to endure no end of suffering due to his condition.

#### WEDNESDAY

##### Live International Football, ITV, 7.30pm

England and Scotland face each other in this friendly match at Wembley Stadium, as they lock horns for the first time since 1999, when they met at the old Wembley Stadium in the second leg of a Euro 2000 qualifying play-off. Although Scotland won 1-0 on that occasion it did not prove to be enough to prevent England claiming a place at the tournament, as Kevin Keegan's men had triumphed 2-0 in the first leg of the play-off

four days earlier at Hampden Park. The hosts will enter this contest as favourites, but the Scots will be determined to impress once again after claiming a surprise 1-0 victory away to Croatia in a World Cup qualifier last time out.

#### I'm Spaztious

##### Channel 4, 10.50pm

Given how caught up with political correctness we are as a nation, there's every chance you've clocked the title of this hidden camera show and recoiled in horror. And that's fine – so long as you give the programme ten minutes of your time to prove you're right. Because,

actually, this is an amusing take on a prank show that pokes fun at that idea of the politically correct.

With so much hype surrounding the first series when it aired last year, those ratings can't be wrong. For the uninitiated, cameras follow the pranksters as they wind up members of the public in a unique and hilarious way. First up, unsuspecting celebrities are fooled into endorsing a bizarre new charity for amputees.

#### THURSDAY

##### My Dwarf Family, ITV, 9pm

Roughly one in 25,000 children are born with achondroplasia, the most common form of dwarfism every year, and this programme delves into how it affects family life. Following three families who each have to deal with the effects of achondroplasia, it gives us an honest glimpse into life with the limiting condition. Gillian is a small mother who is keen to protect her small 13-year-old daughter from the issues she faced as a teenager. Meanwhile, Rebecca is hoping her dwarfism won't in any way jeopardise her chances of starting a family with Ben, an average height man. And Phil has a tough love approach to preparing his small son Paddy for secondary school.

#### FRIDAY

##### The Burrowers, BBC2, 9pm

You can always rely on Chris Packham to shine a spotlight on the nation's underappreciated wildlife. With this new three-part documentary series, he's going underground to investigate the lives of some of our subterranean mammals, including water voles, rabbits, badgers and moles. It's no mean feat, as the nature of their burrows, warrens, setts and dens means they're not exactly easy environments in which to film – so to combat the problem, Chris and the BBC's nature team use full-scale replicas of their habitats. Worthy of particular note is the world's largest man-made rabbit warren – it was made by pouring concrete into an abandoned warren, before returning months later to excavate it.

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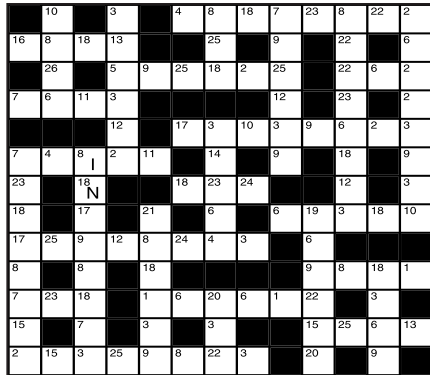
## Puzzler

## Brain Gym

No.233

## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

W	Z	X	V	F	K	P	Q	Y	R	T	D	H
G	M	N	L	O	B	E	C	A	U	J	S	I

## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

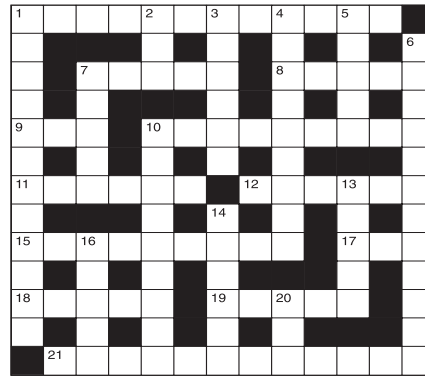
## Cryptic Clues:

## Across

1. Flawless defence, yet speedily broken (5,7)
7. Takes a girl out some fruit (5)
8. Post and ante, perhaps (5)
9. One is confused for a long time (3)
10. Emphatically not at home! (3,3,3)
11. Small village made famous by Shakespeare (6)
12. Put into a grave position, because of a wrong note to a doctor? (6)
15. It knows no customs (4,5)
17. I have a fifty-fifty arrangement? Well, no! (3)
18. Composer of large variations (5)
19. Verbal criticism of the show (5)
21. Don't try to improve on a perfectly good water supply? (3,4,5)

## Down

1. He works at intervals (5-7)
2. When small I need it (3)
3. They're worth something as groups (6)
4. A sound quality (9)
5. Time to muse (5)
6. Induced to become religious? (3,2,7)
7. Study I'm making of fabric (5)
10. Knock down and defeat (9)
13. Describes a branch of the peace movement (5)
14. A gunsmith adds it to his stock (6)
16. Unusual glee about a good golf score (5)
20. By way of a Roman road (3)



## Quick Clues:

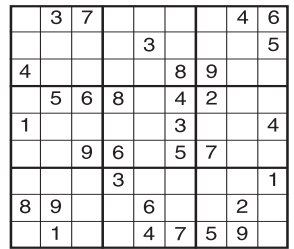
## Across

1. Agitation (12)
7. Supple (5)
8. Eat way (5)
9. Arid (3)
10. Spin on tiptoe (9)
11. Fearful (6)
12. Specimen (6)
15. Depravity (9)
17. Age (3)
18. Conduct (5)
19. Hackneyed (5)
21. Break (12)

## Down

1. Drawback (12)
2. On strike (3)
3. Verse (6)
4. Theorise (9)
5. Henhouse (5)
6. Loss of speed (12)
7. Stratum (5)
10. Prerogative (9)
13. Bit (5)
14. Inspection (6)
16. Rule (5)
20. Little devil (3)

## Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS &gt;

4	3	7						6
				3				5
4		5	6	8		4	2	
1					3			4
		9	6		5	7		
			3					1
8	9			6			2	
1			4	7	5	9		

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:  
CRYPTIC - Across: 4 Adipose; 8 Litter; 9 Astride; 10 Untold; 11 Ranker; 12 Hardware; 18 Masacre; 20 Butane; 21 Parrot; 22 Stamped; 23 Person; 24 Redress. Down: 1 Sleuths; 2 Stature; 3 Yellow; 5 Distress; 6 Poring; 7 Sadden; 13 Ammeter; 14 Actress; 15 Setting; 16 Bustle; 17 Hammer; 19 Seamen. QUICK - Across: 4 Attract; 8 Needed; 9 Missile; 10 Regard; 11 Indeed; 12 Stirring; 18 Optional; 20 Propel; 21 Sprain; 22 Radiate; 23 Brogue; 24 Depends. Down: 1 Undress; 2 Penguin; 3 Terror; 5 Twilight; 6 Reside; 7 Caller; 13 Isolated; 14 Enhance; 15 Slender; 16 Ornate; 17 Sprite; 19 Impart.



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# Property

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## Offers of £425,000 are sought for stylish five-bedroom house



The house called Ham Leigh located in Old Ham Lane is ideally situated for the Stourbridge Junction railway station

A DELIGHTFUL five-bedroom property in Pedmore with self-contained accommodation that could create a ground floor bedroom with en suite and second kitchen/laundry is on the market with a price guide of £425,000.

The house – Ham Leigh in Old Ham Lane – is ideally situated for Stourbridge Junction railway station and amenities within Oldswinford and Stourbridge town centre, as well as for commuting by road, and near to local schools.

The property has a large block paved driveway with a detached double garage, with the landscaped garden having a paved patio and lawn with dwarf wall.

### Surround

On the ground floor is an impressive reception hall with fitted guest cloakroom, as well as a dining room with access to a home office and a rear lounge with feature fire surround and patio doors to the rear garden.

The kitchen/breakfast room has a range of base and wall units with integrated oven and five burner hob, and a defined family area.

There is also a second kitchen with access to the front and rear of the property, ground floor bedroom with en suite shower room and sauna.

On the first floor are four bedrooms and a white en suite, plus large house bathroom with corner bath and separate rain head shower.

Call the agent Lee, Shaw, on 01384 396066 for further details or to arrange a viewing.

## Idyllic countryside views



Four timber lodges at the Catsley Farm Chalet site are priced at £149,000

AN EXCLUSIVE new development of just four timber holiday lodges in a beautiful location with breathtaking views are going on the market priced at £149,000.

First on the market is Plot 1, Kinlet View, Catsley Farm Chalet Site, Bewdley, measuring 40ft by 20ft and with a 19ft lounge, open plan kitchen/dining room with comprehensive range of appliances, three bedrooms and bathroom.

With 12 month holiday occupancy permitted, the site is reserved for over 40s with site fees of £1,800 a year to cover ground rent, maintenance of communal areas and shared water and septic tank arrangements.

Purchasers of plots two, three and

four will have the option to discuss the final specification with the site owner as the Tingdene lodges can normally be completed to order with certain optional extras.

Plot 1 is already sited with to the front a full width decked balcony and the lounge opening out to the balcony, while in the kitchen integral appliances include Baumatic fridge/freezer, dishwasher, electric oven, canopy hood, ceramic hob and washing machine.

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- A beautifully presented bungalow
- Contemporary accommodation
- Large lounge with dining area
- Modern kitchen
- Two DOUBLE bedrooms
- Bedrooms with white walls
- Open double glazed windows
- Block paved driveway
- Good size rear garden
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- EPC Rating - C

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**LOWER GORNAL**

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- Lounge & Dining Room/Dining Room
- Two Double Bedrooms
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**COSELEY**

Clifton Street

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- Open plan lounge/dining room
- Modern Kitchen
- Three good size bedrooms
- An excellent size bathroom
- Rear gardens & garage
- Off road parking for 20 cars
- An ideal family home
- EPC Rating - E

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Humphrey Street

- A spacious Detached family home
- In a quiet and convenient location
- Open plan kitchen/dining room
- Three good size bedrooms
- Garage with utility facilities
- Excellent size rear garden
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Some updating required
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £165,000

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- Gas central heating & Upvc double glazing
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OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £157,000

**LOWER GORNAL**

Winscar Croft

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- High standard of accommodation
- Extended living space
- Kitchen with dining area
- Lounge and conservatory
- Three bedrooms, en-suite to master
- Garage part converted to storage space
- Parking for several cars
- EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £156,990

**COSELEY**

Beechfield Grove

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- Positioned on a corner plot
- Open design lounge/dining room
- Modern kitchen, utility, great w.c.
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- Upvc double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Extensive parking
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**ETTINGSHALL PARK**

Grosvenor Road

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- Lounge with dining area
- Modern kitchen with integrated appliances
- Three bedrooms
- Fitted bathroom with corner bath
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- Well kept gardens
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Ripley Grove

- Modern three bed and townhouse
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**COSELEY**

Clifton Street

- A good size detached Bungalow
- Positioned on a large plot
- Some updating required
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- Two bedrooms & bathroom
- Low maintenance rear garden
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- Conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Garage with utility facilities
- Gas central heating
- Rear garden
- EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £134,990

**DUDLEY**

Birmingham New Road

- Spacious three bed traditional semi
- Enhanced throughout, contemporary scheme
- Open plan kitchen/dining room
- Lounge - Conservatory
- Upvc double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Rear garden
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £129,990

**SEDGLEY**

Tipton Street

- A traditional terrace property
- In walking distance into Sedgley Centre
- Downright spacious
- Dining room, Lounge
- Kitchen & Utility room
- THREE bedrooms
- Upvc double glazing
- Good size rear garden
- Viewing is recommended
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
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**LOWER GORNAL**

Shadwell Drive

- A well presented terrace property
- Spacious accommodation
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Utility Room & Bath w.c.
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- Modern Bathroom
- Some general updating required
- Low maintenance rear garden
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**UPPER GORNAL**

Rock Street

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- Two double bedrooms
- Excellent sized lounge
- Modern dining kitchen
- Upvc double glazed windows
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### GROSVENOR ROAD

• EPC C • A Three Bedroom Dormer Bungalow • Two Ground Floor Bedrooms • Dormer Bedroom One • Through Lounge / Dining Room • Kitchen • Conservatory • Garage To Rear • Rear Garden

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EPC Rating C • Three Bedroom Bay Fronted Semi Detached • Lounge • Dining Room • Extended Fitted Kitchen • Refitted House Bathroom • Double Glazing Where Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Block Paved Driveway • No Chain

£160,000

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### LARA GROVE

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### RUSSELLS HALL ROAD

• EPC Rating Awaiting • Two Bedrooms & Attic Bedroom • Three Through Lounge / Dining Room • Fitted Kitchen • Bathroom • Having White Suite • Double Glazing Where Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Driveway • Rear Garden

£120,000

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### BARTLETT CLOSE

• EPC Rating E • An Improved & Extended Semi Detached • Three Bedrooms • Through Lounge / Dining Room • Conservatory • Utility Room • Bathroom • Garage • Low Maintenance Rear Garden

£130,000

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### CLAUGHTON ROAD

• EPC Rating D • A Four Bedroom Semi Detached Property • Bedroom Four Leads From Bedroom Three • Two Reception Rooms • Breakfast Room • Kitchen • No Chain

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### MURDOCH DRIVE

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• EPC Rating C • Modern Top Floor Apartment • Two Bedrooms • Open Plan Lounge / Diner • Fitted Kitchen • Bathroom • Double Glazing Where Stated • Allocated Parking

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## NETHERTON



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EPC Rating D • An Improved Three Bedroom Semi Detached Property • Rear Lounge • Fitted Kitchen • Diner • Entrance Hall • Double Glazing Where Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Garage • Drive

£100,000

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EPC Rating E • An Extended Three Bedroom Semi Detached • Lounge • Dining Room • Kitchen Area • Extended Kitchen • Double Glazing Where Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Extensive Rear Garden • Car Port

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### HILARY CRESCENT

• EPC Rating E • Three Bedroom Semi Detached • Lounge • Dining Room • Kitchen • Ground Floor Toilet & Utility Room • Double Glazing • Central Heating • Drive • Available 06/09/2013

£595

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### GLEN ROAD

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A unique detached property, four bedrooms, two reception rooms, kitchen, utility room, conservatory, garden with gazebo, central heating. Energy rating TBC

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Four bedroom extended detached property must be viewed to appreciate the accommodation on offer. Energy rating D.

**Abbotsford Drive Dudley****£200,000**

A spacious and well presented detached dormer bungalow. Benefits three bedrooms, conservatory and garage. viewing advised. Energy Rating E

**Harcourt Drive Dudley****£155,000**

An extended semi detached property in a popular cul-de-sac location, four bedrooms with the potential to be five, conservatory, utility room, Energy rating D

**Ivyhouse Lane Coseley****£145,000**

A well presented semi detached benefits fitted kitchen, lounge/diner, three bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking, MUST BE VIEWED. Energy rating D.

**Dibdale Street Dudley****£139,950**

Viewing is a must on this refurbished through bungalow set on a corner plot, accommodation comprises entrance hallway, fitted kitchen, utility room, lounge, two bedrooms, refitted bathroom, driveway & garage, gardens to the front and side elevation, double glazing as specified. No Upward Chain

**Dibdale Road Dudley****£139,950**

A three bedroom traditional semi detached benefits two reception rooms, extended kitchen, basement/utility room, garage, Energy rating E

**Thoresby Croft Earls Keep****£135,000**

A well presented two bedroom semi detached on the popular earls keep estate. viewing is highly recommended . energy rating C

**Bridgewater Drive Coseley****£132,500**

An extended two bedroom semi detached property, benefiting from utility room, conservatory, refitted kitchen, fitted furniture in master bedroom. Energy rating C.

**Queens Road Tipton****£129,950**

An extended three bedroom semi located next to Victoria Park benefits two reception rooms, extended kitchen, rear garden. Energy rating TBC.

**Tipps Stone Close Tipton****£119,950**

Three bedroom modern semi detached set in cul-de-sac location benefits lounge, fitted kitchen, conservatory, driveway, viewing advised. energy rating D.

**Parkes Hall Road Woodsetton****£109,950**

A traditional semi detached comprises porch, through lounge, conservatory, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, No Upward Chain. Energy rating E.

**Milton Street Pensnett****£89,950**

A three bedroom semi detached benefits from refitted kitchen and bathroom off road parking. No upward chain . Energy rating TBC.

**New Road Netherton****£85,000**

A spacious semi detached benefits two reception rooms, kitchen, bathroom, three bedrooms, en-suite, loft room/potential bedroom four. Energy rating D.

**Edinburgh Road Netherton****£85,000**

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**Alderwood Rise Upper Gornal****£84,950**

A two bedroom mid terrace, accommodation briefly comprises lounge, kitchen, first floor landing having two bedrooms and bathroom, garden to the rear.

**Laburnum Road Dudley****£75,995**

A semi detached property, comprises lounge, dining kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom, en-suite to master bedroom, No Upward Chain. Energy rating E.

**Ivanhoe Street Dudley****£60,000**

A mid terrace property briefly comprises entrance hall, two reception rooms, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, three bedrooms. Energy rating D.

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Tucked away in a private service road, this traditional style, surprisingly spacious, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated, two double bedroom detached bungalow has been conscientiously maintained by the present owner, and is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance porch, hallway, living room, kitchen, utility, two double bedrooms, bathroom, larger than average garage, driveway, and well tended gardens to three sides. EPC Rating F. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

**£189,000****Kingswinford**

This SPACIOUS, MODERN FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE, just a short distance from the Park and Kingswinford schools, enjoys this favoured address, and offers: Hall with cloaks/toilet off, SPLENDID LOUNGE 17 + bay, Separate Dining Room, well fitted KITCHEN with split-level cooker, FOUR GOOD BEDROOMS (three with fitted wardrobes), Bathroom, PRINCIPALLY uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, UP-DATED GAS C/H and CAVITY INSULATION. Long lawn with 60 Drive, CARPORT and GARAGE plus SECLUDED LEVEL GARDEN with afternoon sun and trees beyond. EPC Rating C. KINGSWINFORD 01384 401777

**£184,950****Water Street****WORDSLEY****Spinney Close**

Superbly located within this very pleasant cul-de-sac upon the countryside fringe of the highly sought after Forest Lawns development, this MODERN LINK-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers SPACIOUS and ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED accommodation including UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, STORAGE HEATING and comprising: Reception Hall, spacious Lounge, separate Dining Room, Conservatory extension, oak style fitted Kitchen with integrated appliances, Utility/Ground Floor WC, THREE FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS and luxury re-appointed Shower Room. Set back beyond the low maintenance fore garden, BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY with approach to GARAGE and enjoying an ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£179,950****SEDGLEY****Lydiates Close, Brownswall Estate**

Enviably situated in short/quiet cul de sac upon favoured development so convenient for day-to-day shopping facilities/open countryside, a conscientiously maintained, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated bungalow with potential & NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation includes entrance porch, central reception hall, elegant lounge with bay, two double bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom, tandem double garage, level secluded rear garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £154,950****Kingswinford****Lowe Drive**

Gently elevated within this small close, this SPACIOUS, WELL PLANNED, MODERN LINK-DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE set within this popular address just off Stream Road, is IDEAL FOR REFITTING AND UPDATING, offering: Porch, Hall with stairs off, SPLENDID LARGE LOUNGE with feature fireplace, separate Dining Room, good sized Kitchen with Pantry off, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, Bathroom and DOUBLE GLAZING plus GAS CENTRAL HEATING. Forelawn with DRIVE/PARKING, side GARAGE plus rear patio and lawn which is pleasantly secluded. EPC Rating: D KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£164,950****QUARRY BANK****Birch Tree Gardens**

DELIGHTFULLY SITUATED in a quiet cul-de-sac, this DOUBLE GLAZED (vast majority of units being uPVC), GAS CENTRALLY HEATED, TWO / THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, and is WELL WORTHY OF INTERNAL INSPECTION. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance porch, hall, L-shaped lounge / dining room, sitting room / bedroom three, kitchen, two first floor double bedrooms, bathroom, garage, driveway, and a mature rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

**£134,950****COSELEY****Hockley Road, Bramford Estate**

Attractive, meticulously maintained & significantly enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & either uPVC or aluminium double glazed semi detached in favoured section of the Bramford Estate convenient for so many amenities. Accommodation provides entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, pantry, dining room with patio doors, enlarged kitchen, three bedrooms, tiled bathroom, utility room & garage, gardens. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £129,950****COSELEY****Keats Drive**

A freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached with DOUBLE GARAGE set in quiet 'backwater' just off Siddons Road. Conscientiously maintained accommodation includes hall, lounge, upgraded kitchen with integrated appliances, pantry, separate dining room (with patio doors), three bedrooms (two with wardrobes), bathroom, separate toilet, block paved driveway to lengthy 26'5" x 8' garage and a neat secluded rear garden. EPC D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £129,950****DUDLEY****Old Park Road**

Traditional, three bedroom semi detached with potential occupying TREMENDOUS CORNER PLOT & with OUTLINE PLANNING CONSENT granted for construction of an additional detached dwelling (overall floor area excluding garage approx. 144 sq. mtrs). Property comprises enlarged porch, hall, fitted cloaks, dining room, sitting room, kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom, extensive gardens. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £128,950****DUDLEY****Nith Place**

A comparatively SPACIOUS, conscientiously maintained, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated (combi boiler) semi detached set in particularly convenient/established district. Accommodation includes reception hall, 17ft through lounge, 15'9" breakfast kitchen, pantry, store & sitting room, rear lobby with utility room & a separate toilet. Three generous bedrooms, upgraded bathroom, off road parking (kerb dropped), secluded rear garden. EPC Rating T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £124,950****LANESFIELD****Clare Crescent**

A modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached conveniently situated within reasonable distance of so many amenities comprising entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room. To the first floor, three bedrooms, bathroom & separate toilet. BLOCK PAVED FOREGARDEN, sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £116,950****HOLLY HALL****Crossgate Road**

This traditional style, uPVC Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, THREE BEDROOM, Semi Detached Home is well presented throughout, and may particularly appeal to both FIRST TIME BUYERS and YOUNG FAMILIES alike. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Through Lounge, Re-Fitted Kitchen, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS, Bathroom with white suite, Driveway and Rear Garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**£114,950****COSELEY****Butterworth Close, Hurst Hill**

Beautifully situated in a quiet cul de sac, this uPVC double glazed, warm air centrally heated semi detached would now ideally benefit from sympathetic modernisation/improvement & is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises lengthy side lobby, hall, transverse lounge, kitchen, three good bedrooms, bathroom, garage, block paved driveway, rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £114,950****COSELEY****Rounds Hill Road**

A comprehensively modernised, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached of character that has been 'transformed' by present vendor in recent years. Situated within reasonable distance of bus/rail transport routes & many other amenities, the stylish accommodation provides reception hall, lounge, dining room (with double french doors out to garden), refitted kitchen with integrated appliances, two/three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, block paved foregarden (kerb dropped) & good size rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £110,000****LANESFIELD****Dresden Close**

Conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed semi detached in short cul de sac conveniently situated just off Hilton Road. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge, dining room with patio doors through to the CONSERVATORY beyond, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking (kerb dropped) & secluded/sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £109,950****UPPER GORNAL****Vicarage Road**

Occupying a generous corner plot, this traditional style, significantly EXTENDED uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached would now benefit from sympathetic upgrading/improvement yet offers excellent potential. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, accommodation briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, through lounge, kitchen, utility, guest w.c., sitting/dining room, three principal bedrooms (with en suite to master), study/dressing room, occasional bedroom four (giving access to master), shower room, garage & a good size rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £99,950****NETHERTON****Ashfield Crescent**

This traditional style, majority Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, THREE BEDROOM Semi Detached Home, is situated in an established residential location, and may particularly appeal to FIRST TIME BUYERS. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Guest WC, THREE BEDROOMS, Wet Room, Hardstanding to Front and a pleasant REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating C. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**£99,950****BRIERLEY HILL****Hawbush Road**

Enjoying a position within this established address, this MOST APPEALING AND THOUGHTFULLY ARRANGED, TWO BEDROOM, SEMI DETACHED HOME affords a layout with GAS CENTRAL HEATING and SOME DOUBLE GLAZING, and is seen to comprise: porch, reception hall, generous sitting room, kitchen, rear hall with guests cloakroom off, two good bedrooms and bathroom. Large gated slatted driveway and with an easily manageable rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**£89,950**



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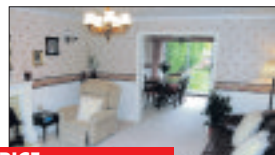
An EXTENDED, absolutely outstanding & exceptionally well appointed, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed detached bungalow envitably situated on periphery of favoured development ADJUTING ONTO OPEN FIELDS with good distant views beyond. The property is presented in exemplary order with accommodation providing reception hall, cloak cupboard, two double bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite incorporating cast slipper bath & separate tiled shower cubicle, extended (22'4" x 14'6") lounge, extended 24ft dining kitchen with a fine range of contemporary style oak units & various integrated appliances, substantial garage with laundry/utility section beyond, magnificent landscaped gardens adutting onto and overlooking open fields. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £255,000****LOWER GORNAL****Robert Street**

An extremely stylish, EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family home constructed to a highly individual specification and significantly improved by present vendors. Outstanding accommodation provides hall cloak, magnificent 18'4" lounge, dining room with patio doors through to brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY (and steps down to cinema room), breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'light oak' units & many integrated appliances, utility room, Gallery landing, principal bedroom with built in wardrobe, shower room en suite & further walk-in wardrobe, three additional large bedrooms (one with built in wardrobe), dormer bathroom, large garage, brick block parking to front. Landscaped rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £249,950****WORDSLEY****£2,500 REDUCTION****Mellowdew Road**

A VERY IMPRESSIVE MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME, well placed in a sought after location, having been SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED to the rear providing a EXTREMELY WELL PROPORTIONED layout of WELL PRESENTED accommodation, including CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Reception Hall, Very large extended full depth lounge, Separate Dining room, Large Extended Breakfast kitchen with built in appliances, 4 LARGE BEDROOMS, bathroom and separate WC. Set beyond the GENEROUS DRIVEWAY, with GARAGE and to the rear providing a broad landscaped & secluded garden. EPC Rating: D. KINGSWINFOR D OFFICE 01384 401777

**£249,950****WOODSETTON****NEW PRICE****Neath Way**

An attractive, SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated detached family home envitably situated in short/quiet cul de sac upon well regarded 'Poplars' development comprising traditional reception hall, spacious 18ft lounge, dining room with patio doors, breakfast kitchen, large utility/ laundry room; four bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite), bathroom; original double garage sub-divided to create 'disabled suite' with a day/bedroom and wet room en suite, secluded gardens. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**WAS £239,950, NOW £234,950****LOWER GORNAL****The Straits**

RECENTLY COMPLETED! A distinctive, DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow excellently situated within reasonable walking distance of day-to-day shops, post office, country park, bus route & so many other amenities. Covered by NHBC guarantee, the accommodation provides imposing 24'3" reception hall (lofty ceiling heights), cloak cupboard, THREE BEDROOMS (one with shower room en suite), bathroom, well equipped kitchen, lounge. Landscaped gardens with an imposing frontage with parking for numerous vehicles. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £209,950****DUDLEY****NEW PRICE****Lightwood Road**

An EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, highly individual, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached constructed for present vendors' own occupation & comprising imposing reception hall, fitted cloakroom, storage cupboards, dining room with bay, 17'10" lounge with 'living flame' feature gas fire & patio doors through to a brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, well equipped breakfast kitchen, FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with fitted units & shower room en suite), bathroom, garage, extensive block paved foregarden & 13ft width side area with potential, secluded/sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**WAS £207,950, NOW £199,950****SEDGLEY****Longmeadow Drive, Northway**

RARE OPPORTUNITY! A freehold, gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed detached bungalow requiring some sympathetic updating in favoured district where bungalows are only rarely made available for sale. Accommodation provides reception hall, cloak cupboard, two double bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, lounge, dining room, garden room, upgraded kitchen, carport, garage, gardens arranged for 'minimum' maintenance. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £184,950****GORNAL WOOD****Woodland Grove**

Envitably situated in short cul-de-sac just off Brick Kiln Lane where houses are only rarely available for sale; a conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated, part uPVC double glazed EXTENDED detached. The accommodation provides: reception hall, lounge, transverse 'hub of the house' breakfast kitchen, and a dining room beyond, together with a 'garden room'. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Lengthy block paved driveway, brick garage, sheltered/secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £179,950****SEDGLEY****Dormston Drive**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. Within walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring in quiet cul de sac, an outstanding, exceptionally stylish & well appointed, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached that has been 'transformed' by present vendors over the years. Accommodation provides entrance hallway, cupboard, superb lounge with living flame gas fire, transverse upgraded 'hub of the house' breakfast kitchen & a substantial brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY. Three bedrooms (one with wardrobe), reappointed bathroom with white suite, block paved foregarden drive & secluded/sheltered rear garden, brick former garage. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £169,950****SEDGLEY****Wenlock Close, Brownswall Estate**

A tremendously EXTENDED, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached envitably situated in favoured cul de sac. Stylish accommodation has been 'transformed' since initial purchase & comprises reception hall, sitting room with bay, dining room, outstanding L-shape breakfast kitchen acting as 'hub of the house' with range. Three bedrooms (one with wardrobes), reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, garage, garden. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £169,950****WOLVERHAMPTON****NEW PRICE****Sherrans Dell (Off Doveedale Rd),**

A tremendously improved & enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed detached in short cul de sac within walking distance of so many amenities. Accommodation provides entrance hallway, fitted cloakroom, L-shaped lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'light beech' effect units with chrome detailing & various integrated appliances. Three bedrooms (shower room en suite to principal bedroom), refitted bathroom with white suite, carport, garage, garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**WAS £175,000, NOW £169,950****SEDGLEY****NEW PRICE****Northway**

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL! A gas radiator centrally heated (combi boiler) & part uPVC double glazed link detached in need of sympathetic updating set in favoured district convenient for so many amenities. Accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall (with parquet floor), 23'8" through lounge/dining room, kitchen, pantry, three bedrooms (two with wardrobes), bathroom, good size garage (automated roller door), rear lobby & two stores, delightful sheltered/secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**WAS £174,950, NOW £164,950****BRIERLEY HILL****North View Drive**

This modern style, considerably enlarged, gas centrally heated, four bedroomed detached family home is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The surprisingly spacious property briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining room, new kitchen, sitting/family room, guest wc, four bedrooms, bathroom, block paved driveway, and rear garden. EPC Rating: D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**£159,950****UPPER GORNAL****Windmill Street**

A PARTICULARLY SPACIOUS, significantly enhanced & successfully EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in popular district. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge, recently refitted dining kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units & various integrated appliances (double french doors to garden), pantry, FOUR BEDROOMS (three with 'first quality' range of fitted units), reappointed bathroom with white suite, LARGE GARAGE with utility room beyond & a shower room, neat gardens. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £154,950****COSELEY****Beechfield Grove, Bramford Estate**

A magnificent, comprehensively renovated, EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached that has been 'transformed' by present vendors in recent years to an outstanding specification. Stylish accommodation includes enlarged reception hall, store, lounge with bay (& log burner), dining room with bay, refitted kitchen with 'high gloss white' units & various integrated appliances, large utility/laundry room, separate toilet & a further reception room (alternative use as bedroom or office, etc.), three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, extensive parking, garden. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £154,950****LOWER GORNAL****Ash Grove**

Conveniently situated for the village (just off Central Drive), an exceptionally stylish, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached constructed circa 2008 having been tremendously improved by present vendor & presented in exemplary order throughout. Accommodation provides reception hall, fitted half tiled cloakroom (with white suite), further store, well equipped kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units & various integrated appliances, living/dining room, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom with white suite, extensive parking to front & landscaped secluded rear garden designed to ensure 'low maintenance'. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £149,950****WOODSETTON****Brook Street**

An attractive, modernised & conscientiously maintained, freehold, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, gas centrally heated semi detached in well regarded district. Delightful accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, fitted cloakroom, sitting room with bay, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, tiled shower room (formerly bathroom), lengthy (24'10") garage, garden with good distant views. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £134,950****COSELEY****Hurst Road, Hurst Hill**

A delightful, SPACIOUS, tremendously modernised & improved, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached (terraced style) conveniently situated for so many amenities. Superb, well presented accommodation includes lounge (with living flame gas fire), inner lobby, sitting room (with living flame gas fire) & access to useful cellars, refitted 15'7" kitchen with a fine range of 'light beech' effect units, laundry section, reappointed bathroom with white suite, THREE BEDROOMS, storage cupboard, sheltered & secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £124,950****LOWER GORNAL****Autumn Drive**

This beautifully presented, traditional style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac, and an internal inspection is highly recommended. The conscientiously maintained property briefly comprises: entrance hall, spacious through lounge, refitted kitchen, Three good size bedrooms, bathroom with a white suite, Driveway and rear garden with distant views. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £119,950****PENSNETT****NO UPWARD CHAIN****Chelmar Drive**

This double glazed, part centrally heated, three bedroomed semi detached home is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, and may represent an IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY. The property, which would now ideally benefit from cosmetic upgrading/improvement, briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, guest wc, three bedrooms, shower room, lawned gardens, and garage to rear. EPC Rating: E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**£114,950****LOWER GORNAL****Elan Close**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A stylish, exceptionally well presented, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed SEMI DETACHED with potential GARAGE SPACE (7'8" DRIVEWAY WIDTH) set in short cul de sac convenient for so many amenities. Superb accommodation includes 18ft reception hall, reappointed cloakroom with white suite, lounge, dining room, various storage cupboards, refitted kitchen with 'light oak' effect units, three bedrooms, bathroom, delightful garden with side driveway. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £114,500****DUDLEY****Blackthorne Road**

This conscientiously maintained, considerably improved, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached home may be of particular interest to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, stylish lounge/dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, guests w.c., three bedrooms, refitted shower room, hardstanding to front & a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in excess of £109,950****WOODCROSS****NEW PRICE****Robert Wynd**

This traditional style, double glazed (vast majority being uPVC) & gas centrally heated semi detached is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN & may be especially of interest to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, re-fitted, wet room/utility, three good bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, useful loft, driveway & rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**WAS £111,950, NOW £106,950****QUARRY BANK****IDEAL FIRST BUY****Birch Coppice**

This really quite charming, Victorian style, Double Glazed (vast majority of units being uPVC), two Bedroom Semi Detached Cottage is beautifully presented throughout, and may be of particular interest to FIRST TIME BUYERS. Accommodation briefly comprises: Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Utility, Two First Floor Bedrooms, Shower Room and low maintenance Rear Courtyard. EPC Rating: F. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**£99,950**



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**IDEAL FIRST BUY**

**Chichester Avenue**

This vast majority uPVC Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, Two Bedroom mid Townhouse is immaculately presented throughout, and may be of particular interest to FIRST TIME BUYERS. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Porch, stylish Lounge, Kitchen, Two Good Bedrooms, Bathroom with white suite, Driveway and Rear Garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**£99,950**

## LOWER GORNAL



**NEW PRICE**

**The Spinney**

An EXTENDED, gas radiator centrally heated & part double glazed intermediate 'starter home' in need of some sympathetic updating set in relatively quiet cul de sac within reasonable distance of open fields, together with all amenities. Accommodation provides enlarged porch, inner hallway, kitchen, extended 23'7" living/dining room, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom, small garden & a brick GARAGE to the rear. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**WAS £105,000, NOW £99,950**

## COSELEY



**Brunel Court**

This modern style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom townhouse provides surprisingly spacious living space, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining kitchen, guest w.c. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Garden and secure gated parking to rear. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £94,950**

## LOWER GORNAL



**NEW PRICE**

**Boundary Hill**

This traditional style, gas centrally heated semi detached home is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN and may be an ideal first time purchase. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, guest w.c., through lounge, kitchen with a fine range of units, three bedrooms, bathroom & rear garden. EPC Rating: D SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**WAS £99,950, NOW £94,500**

## SEDGLEY



**Dudley Road**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. Absolutely outstanding, THREE BEDROOM, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated intermediate terrace that has been TRANSFORMED by present vendors over the years to provide a superb home. The stylish accommodation includes; lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen, guest w.c. Two first floor bedrooms, splendid refitted bathroom with white suite, attic bedroom three, and an expertly tended rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £96,950**

## Brierley Hill



**NEW PRICE**

**Moor Street**

This recently constructed, uPVC double glazed, First Floor Two Bedroom Apartment is well presented throughout and may represent an ideal first time buy, with the benefit of NO UPWARD CHAIN. The property, which is conveniently situated for local amenities, briefly comprises: Secure communal entrance/stairs, Private Hall, Through Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Two first floor Bedrooms, Bathroom with white suite, communal grounds and an allocated parking space. EPC Rating B. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

**£92,950**

## DUDLEY



**Linwood Road**

This traditional style, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated, three bedroom mid townhouse is situated in an established location, and may particularly appeal to first time buyers. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen, guest w.c. Three bedrooms, bathroom with a white suite, Driveway, and lawned rear garden. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £89,950**

## COSELEY



**Harding Street**

A conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated (combi boiler), and uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, semi detached occupying a fine corner plot in established neighbourhood. The house has been modernised & improved over the years although some further works would be beneficial, and the accommodation includes; entrance hallway, dining room, 16'2" through lounge, rear lobby, store, walk-in pantry, kitchen. Three bedrooms, and a box room, bathroom. GARAGE, gated parking. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £89,950**

## DUDLEY



**Edenbridge View, Milking Bank Area**  
50% SHARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE. Enviously situated at head of cul de sac section, a gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed semi detached in popular district within walking distance of so many amenities. Vendor's 50% share available for sale (other 50% owned by Housing Association who charge a fair market rental) with accommodation providing entrance hallway, lounge, transverse dining kitchen, store, two generous double bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, parking to front & good sized sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888  
**PRICE £63,750 FOR VENDOR'S 50% SHARE.**

## UPPER GORNAL



**Duke Street**

A tremendously modernised & improved, GAS CENTRALLY HEATED & uPVC single glazed first floor flat with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS in popular neighbourhood. Recently re-decorated & upgraded accommodation includes reception hall, living/dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'maple' effect units & various appliances, double bedroom, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with stylish white suite, store & an airing cupboard, communal grounds. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

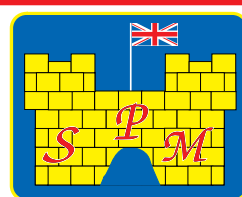
**Offers in the region of £61,950**

## LOWER GORNAL



**NEW PRICE**

**Five Ways Court, Lake Street**  
50% SHARE FOR SALE. A comparatively SPACIOUS, stylish, gas centrally heated, & uPVC double glazed FIRST FLOOR flat with good distant views forming part of gated development. Vendors 50% share available for sale (other 50% owners by Housing Association who charge a fair market rental). 'Entry phone' system to shared hall/landing with flat comprising: reception hall, superb '6'8" lounge with well equipped kitchen beyond with a fine range of 'beech' effect units & integrated appliances. Two BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with shower room en suite & white suite), bathroom. Allocated parking, communal grounds. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888  
**WAS £51,950 for vendors 50% share, NOW £51,000 for vendors 50% share**



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## WORDSLEY



**ARUNDEL ROAD**

**FOR SALE £129,950**

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**COT LANE**

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Detached Bungalow, Large Lounge, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking

## KINGSWINFORD



**RAGEES ROAD**

**£395 pcm**

Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Double Bedroom, Bathroom, Off Road Parking, Electric Heating

## KINGSWINFORD



**QUEEN STREET**

**£650 pcm**

Semi-Detached House, Lounge, Kitchen, Conservatory, WC, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Gas Central Heating, Front & Rear Garden, NO PETS/NO DSS

## KINGSWINFORD



**COTTAGE STREET**

**£575 pcm**

Mid Terrace House, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom with shower, Two Bedrooms, Rear Garden, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing

## NETHERTON



**PARK ROAD**

**£335 pcm**

Ground Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Unfurnished, Electric heating, Off road parking, Double Glazing.

## KINGSWINFORD



**DUBARRY AVENUE**

**£625 pcm**

Semi Detached Property, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Garage, Off road parking, Front & Rear Garden

## KINGSWINFORD



**RANGEWAYS ROAD**

**£495 pcm**

First Floor Flat, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Unfurnished

## BRIERLEY HILL



**WALLOWES ROAD**

**£540 pcm**

Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Utility, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Unfurnished, Gas Central Heating, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking

## PENSNETT



**TANSEY GREEN ROAD**

**£530 pcm**

End Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Garage at rear, Front & Rear Gardens, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing

## PENSNETT



**COMMONSIDES**

**£550 pcm**

Mid Terrace House, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom with Shower, Three Bedrooms, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Rear Gardens, NO PETS

## ROWLEY REGIS



**EDEN GARDENS**

**£550 pcm**

First Floor Flat, Entrance, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, Parking, Communal Garden

## NETHERTON



**PARK ROAD**

**£350 pcm**

Ground Floor Flat, Spacious Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom with Shower, Two Bedrooms, Private Parking, Electric Heating, Unfurnished.

## COLLEY GATE



**WINDMILL HILL**

**£395 pcm**

First Floor Flat, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Unfurnished

## PENSNETT

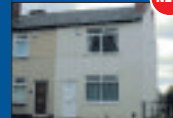


**HEYDON ROAD**

**£595 pcm**

Detached House, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Parking for 3/4 cars, Front, & Rear Gardens

## PENSNETT



**HIGH STREET**

**£475 pcm**

End Terrace Property, Three Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Unfurnished, Off Road Parking, Rear Garden

## TIPTON



**TIPPS STONE CLOSE**

**£410 pcm**

First Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Electric Heating, Off Road Parking, Unfurnished

## KINGSWINFORD



**LABURNUM ROAD**

**£460 pcm**

End Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Off Road Parking, Rear Garden.

## BRIERLEY HILL



**DADFORD VIEW**

**£450 pcm**

Cluster Style Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Off Road Parking, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating

## WORDSLEY



**HIGH STREET**

**£515 pcm**

Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Rear Garden

## PENSNETT



**BRYCE ROAD**

**£525 pcm**

Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Unfurnished, Gas Central Heating, Off Road Parking, Front & Rear Gardens

## DUDLEY



**STOURBRIDGE ROAD**

**£495 pcm**

Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, Three Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Off Road Parking

## SEDGLEY



**KINGS ROAD**

**£550 pcm**

Mid Terrace Property, Two Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Rear Garden, Unfurnished

## GORNAL



**BARR STREET**

**£510 pcm**

End Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Rear Garden, Unfurnished, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating

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**DUDLEY**  
Redwood Avenue

**NEW INSTRUCTION**




A beautiful presented three bedroom semi detached property briefly comprises of lounge, dining room, modern fitted kitchen, white bathroom suite, garage, rear garden and driveway.

£119,950

**HALESOWEN**  
Netherend Lane

**NEW INSTRUCTION**



This is an immaculate one bedroom first floor apartment which briefly comprises of hallway, lounge, dining kitchen, double bedroom, re-fitted bathroom, communal gardens and a separate garage. Viewing is highly recommended.

£59,950

**OLDBURY**  
Regan Drive

**NEW INSTRUCTION**



A four bedroom detached family home with lounge, dining room, modern fitted kitchen, laundry room, downstairs wc, conservatory, en-suite to master bedroom, family bathroom, garage, rear garden and driveway.

£185,000

**NEW INSTRUCTION**



This beautifully presented two bedroom end terraced property briefly comprising of lounge, modern fitted kitchen, family bathroom with a separate shower cubicle, rear garden and parking.

£97,950

**TIVDALE**  
Elm Terrace

**NEW INSTRUCTION**




A two bedroom semi detached property briefly comprising of lounge, dining room, kitchen, upstairs bathroom, front and rear gardens.

£95,000

**TIPTON**  
Jonah Drive

**NEW INSTRUCTION**



A two bedroom semi detached property briefly comprising of lounge, dining room, kitchen, upstairs bathroom, front and rear gardens.

£95,000

**TIVDALE**  
Pine Road

**NEW INSTRUCTION**



A well presented two bedroom semi detached property briefly comprising of lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, sun room, white bathroom suite, two good sized bedrooms, rear garden with patio area and side access to the front of the property and off road parking. Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the size of this property!

£118,000

**NEW INSTRUCTION**



A two bedroom semi detached property briefly comprising of lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, sun room, white bathroom suite, two good sized bedrooms, rear garden with patio area and side access to the front of the property and off road parking. Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the size of this property!

£118,000

**DUDLEY**  
Corbyn Road

**NEW INSTRUCTION**



A beautifully presented three bedroom semi detached property briefly comprising of entrance hall, through lounge, re-fitted kitchen, modern bathroom suite, rear garden and off road parking.

£114,950

**DUDLEY**  
Bunns Lane

**NEW PRICE**



BRAND NEW HOUSE! A beautifully presented double fronted four bedroom detached house briefly comprising of lounge, kitchen/dining room, utility room, downstairs wc, en suite, family bathroom, rear garden, garage and off road parking.

£169,950

**LOWER GORNAL**  
Eaton Crescent



An absolutely outstanding & exceptionally well appointed, gas centrally heated & double glazed detached bungalow with two double bedrooms, lounge, modern fitted kitchen, conservatory, family bathroom, beautiful rear garden, garage and off road parking.

£165000

**COSELEY**  
Cherrywood Close



A three bedroom detached house with lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, downstairs cloakroom with wc, upstairs bathroom, conservatory, garden and parking to the rear

124950

**DUDLEY**  
Sledmore Road



An extended traditional three bedroom semi detached house with two reception rooms, extended kitchen breakfast room, downstairs wet room with wc, family bathroom to the first floor, garden to the rear and driveway to the front

£119,950

**TIVDALE**  
Elm Terrace

**NEW PRICE**



A deceptively spacious three bedroom semi detached house briefly comprising of lounge, kitchen/dining room, conservatory, family bathroom, rear garden and off road parking.

o/o £120,000

**TIVDALE**  
Pine Road



A beautifully presented and much improved three bedroom traditional semi detached property briefly comprising of lounge, modern fitted kitchen/breakfast room, three good size bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom suite, garage, a generous rear garden and off road parking. Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the size and condition.

£145,000

**TIVDALE**  
Hoylelake Drive



Located in this highly desirable location this three bedroom detached house briefly comprises of lounge, dining area, fitted kitchen, gardens to the front and rear, driveway and garage.

£159,950

**TIVDALE**  
Elm Terrace



A two bedroom semi detached house which is immaculate throughout and briefly comprises of hallway, lounge, dining kitchen, upstairs shower room, driveway and a good sized garden to the rear

£110,000 o/o

**DUDLEY**  
Paganel Drive



AN EXTENDED and beautifully presented three bedroom semi detached property briefly comprising of lounge, extended second reception room, extended dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, downstairs wc, upstairs family bathroom, beautiful extensive rear garden and ample off road parking. Viewing is highly recommended.

£194,950

**DUDLEY**  
Orchard Grove

**NEW PRICE**



A beautifully presented two bedroom first floor maisonette briefly comprising of lounge, two double bedrooms, fitted kitchen, shower room and a pleasant rear garden. No DSS, no pets.

£475 PCM

**DUDLEY**  
Priory Road

**NEW INSTRUCTION**



First floor two bedroom flat. Lounge and two bedrooms on the first floor. Kitchen and utility on the ground floor. Central heating and double glazing. Private entrance to the rear. DSS considered with guarantor. No Pets.

£395 PCM

**DUDLEY**  
New Birmingham Road

**NEW INSTRUCTION**



Refurbished three bedroom semi detached house. Two reception rooms. Fitted kitchen to include brand new cooker. Bathroom on 1st floor. Rear garden with patio area. Unfurnished. Available now to view. Dss considered with guarantor.

£560 PCM

**ROWLEY REGIS**  
Hawes Lane

**NEW INSTRUCTION**



A three bed semi-detached house having a through lounge/diner, fitted kitchen with integral fridge/freezer, downstairs WC and a house bathroom upstairs. Garden to rear with access to garage. Unfurnished, no pets, available for long term.

£625 PCM

**DUDLEY**  
St James Road

**NEW INSTRUCTION**



A two bedroom modern first floor apartment. Accommodation comprises of large open plan lounge, kitchen and dining area. Two double bedrooms, master having en-suite, storage heating and allocated parking. Available now to view

£550 PCM

**DUDLEY**  
Hallchurch Road

**NEW PRICE**



One bedroom 1st floor flat. The upper floor of a converted detached house. Access is via a driveway, with off road parking. Fitted kitchen to include cooker and bathroom with corner bath and shower. New carpet to be fitted in bedroom. Unfurnished.

£385 PCM

**DUDLEY**  
Moncrieffe Close

**TO LET**



A modern, first floor apartment. Lounge/diner, modern fitted kitchen (with appliances), spiral staircase to the first floor having two double bedrooms and a house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Allocated parking. Unfurnished. No Dss. No pets

£475 PCM

**DUDLEY**  
Pages Croft

**TO LET**



A modern two bedroom second floor apartment on popular Priory Park development. Having lounge, fitted kitchen with appliances, two bedrooms, bathroom. Double glazing, allocated parking. Available September. No DSS

£525 PCM

**TIPTON**  
Tudor Court

**TO LET**



Two bedroom ground floor flat. Has good size lounge area. Fitted kitchen with oven & washing machine. Bathroom with electric shower. Unfurnished. No DSS

£452 PCM

**DUDLEY**  
Attingham Drive

**TO LET**



A modern, ground floor one bed apartment, open plan dining/lounge/kitchen, house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Available part furnished or unfurnished, allocated parking. Available for viewing now. No DSS

£450 PCM

**DUDLEY**  
High Street

**TO LET**



A modern 2nd floor apartment. Two double bedrooms, open plan fitted kitchen/lounge, two bathrooms/WCs, secure entrance. Unfurnished, DSS considered with guarantor, available to view now.

£450 PCM

**WOLVERHAMPTON**  
Newhampton Road

**TO LET**




A recently converted one bedroom ground floor apartment. Large double bedroom, lounge, brand new dining kitchen, and house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Unfurnished, available now for long term rental, no DSS, pets considered.

£475 PCM

**LOWER GORNAL**  
Gatacre Street

**NEW INSTRUCTION**



A 2 bed end terraced house. Having two reception rooms, fitted kitchen to include appliances, downstairs bathroom with shower over bath, two double bedrooms upstairs. Furnished or part furnished, rear garden. No Dss. No pets

£515 PCM



# Motoring

Compiled by Motoring  
Editor Sharon Walters

## Suzuki set to fill a gap in market

By John Griffiths

**SUZUKI has made its name as a maker of small cars and 4x4s, so it comes as a surprise that it's taken until now to combine the two.**

But as traditional SUVs have grown larger and more expensive, there's a clear gap in the market for a car with all-weather ability that's cheaper to buy and run than many standard hatchbacks.

After all, by no means everyone who lives in the countryside is a millionaire, and for the environmentally conscious there are few greener alternatives, with fuel consumption averaging better than 50mpg.

So, enter the Suzuki Swift 4x4, based on the Japanese company's best-selling hatchback, which could be yours for a little over £12,600.

### Kettle

Its main competitor is the Fiat Panda. Yes Suzuki still produces the jimny but that's a different kettle of fish.

It's a more traditionally built 4x4, a sort of baby Vitara, but its accomplished off-road performance requires compromises which impact on its ride comfort and handling on the road. Not so the Swift 4x4: in fact from its appearance or driving experience you'd be hard pressed to spot any differences with the standard hatchback. Unless, that is, you pay an extra £1,000 for the top-of-the-range model with its special bodykit.

There are no levers or buttons to worry about. The four-wheel drive system is fully automatic with a viscous coupling proportionally directing power to the rear wheels when the



Both of the Suzuki Swift 4x4 models are powered by a 1.2-litre petrol engine producing 94PS

front ones start to slip. The coupling is little bigger than a clenched fist: in fact the whole 4x4 system adds just 65kg to the car's weight. The result is little impact on performance, just 5mpg less and a 10g/km increase in CO2 emissions.

The test drives took place in North Wales, with 20 miles or so of steep inclines and dirt tracks through the Berwyn Mountains, where first and second gears were the order of the day. It was pleasantly surprising to find we had averaged 42mpg, so 50mpg should be entirely feasible in day-to-day

use. Both 4x4 models are powered by the Swift range's 1.2-litre petrol engine, one of the most powerful in its class with 94PS on tap. With a 0 to 62mph time of 13.3 seconds it's a little slower off the mark than the standard hatchback. Yet it doesn't seem to struggle – its performance on the open road, and at motorway speeds, was something of a revelation with low noise levels and a civility which would be the envy of cars with much more power to spare. The extra 25mm ride height (to accommodate the 4x4 system and give those who

venture off road a bit more ground clearance) doesn't seem to have affected the road holding or supple ride, either.

That's as it should be. This new Swift is not aimed at wannabe explorers, it's a car for those who need to drive come rain, sleet or snow and who want the extra traction and security of four-wheel drive at an affordable price.

Suzuki is dipping its toes into a new market sector so – for the time being at least – there isn't the option of a 4x4 with the Swift range's 1.3-litre diesel engine. But with the petrol engine's economy, lower price and the petrol/diesel price differential that's only likely to be an issue for higher mileage drivers.

### Standards

The 4x4 comes in five-door, five seat SZ3 and SZ4 grades, the two best-equipped models in the Swift range. List prices are £13,819 and £15,739 but – at least until September – Suzuki has included the new car in its 'VAT free' offer.

That works out at £12,616 and £13,116 respectively. The SZ3 is well-equipped by class/price standards with ABS and other electronic braking systems, plus an electronic stability programme helping the four-wheel drive to keep you safe.

Front, side and curtain airbags are also standard, along with convenience features such as electric windows, driver's seat and steering wheel multi-adjustment, electrically-heated and adjustable door mirrors, manual air conditioning, and a radio/CD player with remote controls on the steering wheel.

Step up to the SZ4 and you also get automatic air conditioning, automatic headlamps and a 4x4 body kit. The wheel arch extensions, side skirts and front and rear skid plates emphasise the fact you've got the 4x4 version, as well as offering some protection over uneven ground.

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## Sporting event has Big Merv as a guest

### Tales from The Bratch

BEACON held on for a losing draw in the Staffs Club Premier Division after Wednesday had racked up 288-3 in just 36 overs.

Beacon closed on 105-6, South African James Baikoff unbeaten on 45.

Beacon's second XI continued their impressive campaign with a three-wicket success at Wednesday, who were dismissed for 167.

Ollie Green plundered 79 in reply and skipper Martin Smith chipped in with 33.

An under-strength third XI suffered a comprehensive defeat at Hammerwich.

Nigel Prestidge hit 24 as Beacon fell for 109 with Hammerwich easing home for the loss of two wickets.

Beacon stage their annual sportsman's dinner on Thursday, September 21, with Australian fast bowling legend Merv Hughes the guest speaker at Copthorne Hotel, Brierley Hill, alongside comic Josh Stone.

Tickets are £40, including three-course meal. Call Nick Elwell on 07800 849622.

## Opener is a goalfest for the Tivs

**Tivdale 5 Highgate Utd. 3** WATCHED by a healthy opening day crowd, Tivdale started their 2013/14 campaign with a goalfest at The Beeches.

Both teams had early chances to open the scoring in a bright start to the game.

The deadlock was broken by Highgate just as Tivdale started to get on top.

In the 12th minute a cross into the Tivdale box was not dealt with and the ball fell to Brown who made no mistake.

Going a goal behind gave the Tivdale side a reason to play with a bit more urgency and five minutes later they got an equaliser when Smith headed home a free kick.

Tom Overfield's cross was swept into the roof of the net by Nathan Waite for 2-1.

The third goal came on 31 minutes when Waite headed in Ryan Winwood's cross. How was next to score and five minutes Brown pulled one back for Highgate.

Edgington made it 4-3. Then Stuart put the nail in the coffin.

# Mystery dismissal is a head-scratcher

### Quorn 2 Tipton Town 1

A SECOND half goal by Lewis Dodd earned Quorn a deserved victory over Tipton as the Midland Football Alliance season got underway.

But the main talking point was the mysterious dismissal of Tipton captain Chris Waterhouse and Quorn's Liam Read on 41 minutes which left the players, dugouts and supporters of both sides scratching their heads in confusion.

At that stage, the game had been intriguingly poised.

Quorn lived up to their billing as one of the favourites for the MFA title for much of the first half and

undoubtedly started more promisingly.

As early as the fourth minute, Lewis Dodd had fired a warning across the Tipton bows with a volley from 30 yards from a Waterhouse headed clearance.

Just five minutes later the impressive work down the channels by Quorn saw Tipton keeper James Pemberton dash from his line to deny Read right on the edge of the penalty area.

It was Tipton who took the lead on 11 minutes in what was almost the definition of a goal against the run of play.

Excellent work by Ben Hadley

### Tipton Town

put in Marvin Nisbett who held off two players before firing past Matthew Nurse for a debut goal.

Quorn - who had the majority of the possession and always looked dangerous - equalised through Dominic Brennan, scrambling home in the six-yard box after James Dodd's right-wing trickery.

The double-dismissal as the game headed towards half time effectively dislocated the pattern of the game. Tipton's body blow at losing their skipper was followed by the loss of vice-captain Lee

Wherton with a suspected broken foot. The second half saw Quorn coping far better with the enforced restructure of their side as they came out brightly and forced Pemberton into action to deny both Dodd and Brennan early in the half.

Quorn took the lead on 56 minutes with what would prove the decisive goal when Ben Hadley carelessly gave away possession which enabled Dodd to fire high past Pemberton.

Tipton had Pemberton to thank for keeping them in the game as just minutes later he denied Brennan with a smart low save.

The home side continued to show their incisive attacking presence as Karl Munton's penetrative run with 12 minutes created an excellent chance for Karl Whymark which he might have done better with.

Tipton's best chance at snatching a draw came with just seven minutes to go when substitute Danny Ashton was felled on the edge of the area and Hadley's resulting free-kick was fired just inches over Nurse's bar.

A haul of seven bookings and two red cards perhaps paints an unfair picture of the nature of a competitive and fair game.

## Football's soul could be in peril says chief

PLAYERS' leader Gordon Taylor says football is in danger of losing its soul.

The Professional Footballers Association chief executive wants modern football to show money is not its sole driving force.

As the new season gets underway following a summer of more international disappointment - England's three teams at international tournaments all flopped - Taylor has raised concerns football may have its priorities wrong.

Taylor was speaking after visiting former player Gary Parkinson who is recovering from a stroke.

He claimed the ex-Middlesbrough man's plight had made him think about what is important in football.

"He had a bad stroke, I saw the way his family had looked after him and the way football responded," said Taylor.

"It is about that. I was making the point that I don't want people thinking it's all about money, where money is the only gauge of success.

"I think the game is in danger of losing its soul. I think about youngsters playing football, having the facilities, aspiring to be like heroes and we're not working hard enough on that."

With England's Under-20 and Under-21 sides returning home with little to shout about, questions arise why the Three Lions continue to fail on the big stage.

## Bosses are backing the Brummies

BIRMINGHAM speedway bosses are backing the title-chasing Brummies at least until the end of the season.

Chris Luty and Allan Phillips made the announcement after concerns were raised about the club's finances.

Money will be made available through their Black Country Training Group business (BCTG).

The Brummies look certain to make the Elite League play-offs and have a good chance of winning the title this season.

The bosses are calling on the fans to get behind the team when they ride against Wolves at Perry Barr and play their part in keeping the club viable.

# Heathens progress to Knockout despite loss

**DUDLEY ensured Knockout Cup progress at the weekend - and then claimed a stunning National League away win.**

They lost 47-43 at Buxton in the cup, but their 16-point lead from the home leg was more than enough to put them in the semi-finals.

Then, despite injuries to Ashley Morris (thumb) and Gareth Isherwood (shoulder) they won 50-38 at Stoke on Sunday with Lewis Blackbird and Paul Starke outstanding.

At Buxton, Heathens let a narrow lead slip in the closing stages against a resilient home side, but team boss Will Pottinger said: "We're still through on aggregate."

"It was a superb win at Stoke considering Ash and Gareth only scored one point apiece," Greaves' late flourish - twice beating Stoke's Kyle Hughes - proved crucial.

### Maximum

Both Lewis Blackbird and Paul Starke scored maximums to lead Heathens to all four points in their first away meeting of the National League campaign.

Pottinger said: "When Ash pulled out whilst we were three points down I would have taken a point in all honesty, so to come away with all four is a tremendous effort by everybody."

"Lewis and Paul led the team superbly, both going unbeaten, and young Nathan did a great job in his last few rides as well."

"To still get four points with effectively only five riders really is a great achievement, and it bodes

### Speedway

well for the rest of the season when we have a full team."

Youngster Nathan Greaves was arguably the star of the show - recovering from a poor start to spark the Heathens revival in the closing stages.

His reserve partner Lee Geary also notched 5+1 with a determined display, whilst Dan Greenwood upped his game to score seven valuable points.

Carrying a 16-point lead to face Buxton, Heathens put in a battling away performance with Ashley Morris and Lewis Blackbird putting in excellent displays.

But the former-Cradley club let a narrow lead slip in the closing stages against a resilient Hitmen side.

**Buxton:** Charles Wright 13, Adam McKinna 10, Liam Carr 9+1, Ryan Blacklock 7+1, Tom Woolley 6+3, Matt Williamson 2+2. **Dudley:** Lewis Blackbird 13, Ashley Morris 10+1, Paul Starke 8, Gareth Isherwood 6+1, Dan Greenwood 4, Nathan Greaves 2, Lee Geary 0. **Stoke:** Luke Priest 10+1, Kyle Hughes 8, Lee Payne 7+2, Lee Smart 6+1, Benji Compton 4+2, Shaun Tedham 3+1. **Dudley:** Lewis Blackbird 15, Paul Starke 14+1, Nathan Greaves 7+2, Dan Greenwood 7, Lee Geary 5+1, Ashley Morris 1, Gareth Isherwood 1.

## Youngsters battle their way to national contest

HIMLEY U13s travelled to Lullington Park, Derbyshire to represent the county in the West Midlands Regional Finals.

The team came through the Staffordshire group and won the Staffordshire U13 Cup final against Milford Hall in June.

Himley were then drawn to play Denby from Derbyshire in the semi final and batting first on a difficult wicket made 88 in their 20 overs.

Backed up by fine bowling and fielding they were able to bowl Denby out for 29 and make their way into the final.

### Excellent

In the final they faced Ombersley from Worcestershire who beat the Warwickshire winners in their semi-final.

Ombersley made 79 again due to excellent bowling and fielding from the whole team.

Himley were able to chase this total down with the loss of four wickets in 16 overs meaning the lads became the U13 West Midlands Regional winners. The achievement was all the more remarkable considering there were more than 1,600 clubs which enter the competi-



Himley Cricket Club Under-13s who have won through to the national finals

tion from from all over the country.

The team now go forward to represent Staffordshire in the National finals to be

played at Shrewsbury School between Wednesday August 14 and Friday 16

where they will compete in a league with five other

regional winners for the overall National Title.

The club has sent their messages of congratulations to the team.



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**League is all ready as votes are cast**

THE West Midlands Regional League will kick off as planned on Saturday after issues surrounding its structure were resolved at a special meeting this week, writes **Peter Madeley**.

The premier division will run with an increased quota of 23 teams, meaning every week one side will be without a game.

Premier division outfit Wellington Amateurs, who finished 12th last season, had faced relegation due to fears their ground at School Grove did not meet league regulations.

But the Telford team received a reprieve after division one clubs voted unanimously to allow them to remain in the top flight.

Division one had been left with 14 teams as a result of Bilston Town's successful promotion appeal and the demise of AFC Wombourne United.

However, league officials opted to take a vote on the requests of Hereford Lads Club and Bartestree to be promoted from division two.

The two Herefordshire sides finished third and fourth respectively in the third tier last season, but club bosses voted 9 to 6 in favour of granting them promotion.

This gives division one the quota of 16 teams required for a legitimate step seven league.

Division two will kick off with just 14 teams.

As a result of the restructuring, league bosses have prepared revised fixture lists which were due to be issued to clubs today (Thursday).

WMRL chairman Wendy Jiggins said: "We are delighted to be up and running and ready for the new season."

## Tickets sale for Saddlers

TICKETS are on sale to Walsall supporters for next month's derby clash with Wolves at Molineux.

The Saddlers have been given an allocation of 2,375 tickets for the clash, which could be switched from September 7 because of international call-ups.

They are currently on sale to season ticket holders and will then be available to supporters with a booking history from August 26. They are priced at £22 for adults, £13 for pensioners and under-21s, £10 for under-17s and £8 for under-12s.

## Blackbird ruffles a few feathers in win

MAXIMUM man Lewis Blackbird was in a jubilant mood after helping Dudley Heathens to a stunning away win over Stoke on Sunday.

The result, achieved despite the absence of in-form reserve Max Clegg and the withdrawal of both Ashley Morris and Gareth Isherwood, maintained the club's perfect league record from five matches.

Blackbird and Paul Starke were in scoring form at Loomer Road and both Dan Greenwood and Nathan Greaves chipped in with matchwinning contributions.

Blackbird said: "At times it was hard for us with Ash and Gareth getting injured, but

### Speedway

all the boys pulled together and dug deep to get a great win at Stoke.

"It was really important to get more points on the board in the National League as we haven't had many fixtures yet, so to win there like we did was brilliant.

"It was a bit disappointing we couldn't win at Buxton earlier in the day, but we made it through and at least we all know the track better ahead of our next visit there in the league."

Meanwhile Cradley legends Alan Grahame and Jan O Pedersen will be hon-

oured for their contribution to the club at a special event later this month. A celebration of the 1983 Cradley double winning side to commemorate the 30th anniversary is taking place at Cradley Heath Liberal Club on Friday, August 23.

Team manager from that season, Peter Adams, is also a special guest with his anecdotes from a lifetime in the sport.

The current Dudley Heathens team will be invited along to the event, which will also feature 80s music and an auction including a signed 1983 replica Cradley race jacket signed by world champions Pedersen, Erik Gundersen, Billy Hamill and Greg Hancock.

A limited edition souvenir brochure will be launched on the night with interviews with all the team, plus previously unseen photographs. Copies will be available for £5 on the night as a launch price with £7 the usual price.

Heathens chairman Nigel Pearson said: "This is shaping up to be a good night and we have had a lot of interest in tickets. I'm sure there will be lots of great stories from Big Al and Jan O."

Tickets are £10 and available from the online shop at dudleyheathens.co.uk or from the track shop next Tuesday at the Stoke match.

**Richards off bench for winner**

### Halesowen Town 1 Stourbridge 0

STOURBRIDGE gained the pre-season bragging rights with a single goal win over the Yeltz.

Halesowen made all the running in the first half of a feisty friendly.

But efforts by Tom Tonks, Chris Lait, Kristian Green and Ben Haseley failed to produce goals.

Stourbridge's only real chance of the first period fell for Leon Broadhurst to hit high over the bar, but at the start of the second half Jordan Fitzpatrick fired a low drive past the Yeltz post and a left-footer from Ben Billingham fell wide.

Glassboys' substitute Will Richards snatched a 70th-minute goal with a well-placed shot.

But the hosts continued to create chances with Haseley's 77th-minute snapshot forcing an initial fine reflex save from Dean Coleman before the keeper turned the rebound away from substitute Nigel Penney.

In the final minute, Yeltz substitute Matt Falloway's header was cleared off the line.

## Rider Racheal in hospital after fall

WOLVERHAMPTON jockey Racheal Kneller is recovering in hospital after fracturing two vertebrae in her back in a fall.

The 25-year-old, from Lower Penn, was injured when the horse she was riding at the Lambourn yard of her boss, trainer Mark Usher, slipped.

"I've fractured two vertebrae and I'll probably be in hospital until the end of the week," said Kneller, who has ridden 36 career winners, eight of them this season."

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# JACKETT TO SHUFFLE PACK AFTER INJURIES

**IT'S not often the bubble of eve-of-season optimism is pricked on the opening day – especially when it is by an unwelcome spate of injuries.**

But that was the case at Deepdale on Saturday as Wolves were left nursing three casualties that look like robbing them of the services of Richard Stearman, George Elokobi and Dave Edwards for the foreseeable future.

That the trio happen to be the most experienced players after captain Sam Ricketts suggests the onus is going to fall on the young guns even more heavily during what is already a demanding early period.

It looks like testing the young squad to the limits, seemingly shattering head coach Kenny Jackett's plan for his new-look team to gel.

Jackett seems unlikely to turn to outcasts Roger Johnson, Jamie O'Hara and Stephen Ward, given he has ignored them all summer, and now banished them to train on their own.

### Curse

Either way, Wolves will be hoping the return of the injury curse is not a sign of things to come.

Losing three players suggests a bruising encounter – and it was.

The new boss said in the pre-season build-up that League One may surprise fans in that there is more football played than in the division above. But this was more a reminder of the Championship with no quarter given in a highly competitive collision of two of the division's expected promotion contenders.

Veteran Preston striker Kevin Davies has made a career out of perfecting the darker arts of centre-forward play, and he left his mark on Stearman and

### Preston NE 0 Wolves 0

Edwards with the challenges that forced both off.

Somehow escaping a booking, Davies also made his presence felt on Danny Bath, the man charged with marking the former England international, but at least the Brierley Hill-born stopper was able to stay on the pitch unscathed.

After failing to keep a clean sheet in pre-season, it was reassuring to see Wolves shut the opposition out, especially given the difficulties they endured on the day.

Bath played a full part in that achievement and was just shaded for the man of the match award by Ricketts playing against his former Bolton team-mate.

Wolves had the edge in the first half before Preston bossed the second. But even before the injuries, there was a feeling that Wolves need more quality before the transfer window shuts.

Already a team 'work in progress' stamped on it, the injuries appear to have left Jackett with little choice but to shuffle his pack just when he was looking for his new-look team to settle down.

And the jury is out as to whether the options are within the squad to cope.



Richard Stearman hobbles off at Deepdale



Leigh Griffiths of Wolves and Bailey Wright of Preston



Dave Edwards down after a challenge from Kevin Davies



Bakary Sako chased by Preston's Tom Clarke

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